RIBON MASCOT COMICS

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NAGAHARA MIU IS THE FORMER GENIUS TENNIS PLAYER WHO QUIT PLAYING FOUR YEARS AGO. MIU, WHO IS FORCED TO PLAY A DOUBLES TEAM MATCH WITH ISSEI, WHOM SHE MET AT SCHOOL, ONCE AGAIN STANDS ON THE COURT__?!

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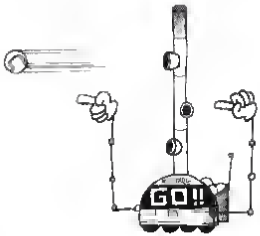

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The highest,
The fastest,
The strongest,
So that I am always the best.
SMASH
MIO
SWAY
SWAY
Mio-chan! How do you feel after winning the junior open tennis tournament?!
We would like a word from the coach as well, please!
永原美羽(11)

SHE IS MY PRIDE AND JOY.
NOT EVEN IN A COUPLE OF YEARS
HOW ABOUT NOW?
Yo!
BARUTORI, THIRD-RANKED TENNIS PLAYER IN THE WORLD IS HERE AS A GUEST!
ANY COM-MENTS?
SHE SAYS "I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO PLAY YOU IN A COUPLE OF YEARS."
Hmm!
SFX: SURPRISED
YOUR MOTHER AND I ARE SO PROUD OF YOU.
I HAD NO IDEA THAT MIU WAS THIS TALENTED

NOW THAT I'VE TAKEN THE TOP SPOT, I CAN'T LOSE ANYMORE.

EVEN THOUGH I CAN'T LOSE... WHY?

I AM DISAPPOINTED IN YOU.
MAYBE I WAS DREAMING TOO FAR.
YOU WANT TO QUIT TENNIS?
...
FROM NOW ON,
I THINK IT WOULD BE BETTER TO CONCENTRATE ON MY STUDIES.
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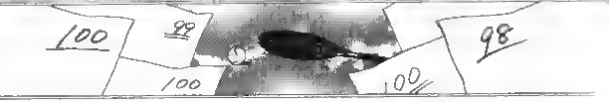
IF I CAN'T PLAY TENNIS, THEN I JUST HAVE TO FIND SOMETHING ELSE.



I'M GOING TO FORGET ABOUT TENNIS.

...
4 years
later
...
Whoa! What a beauty!
Oh, I know that girl!
She got the highest score on the entrance exams.
THE GENIUS, NAGAHARA MIU!
Nagahara-san!
Iwakura is the son of a lawyer
High-class!
I wonder if they are going out
Those two
I WONDER WHY THIS GUY IS ALWAYS FOLLOWING ME AROUND
Do you want to go home together?
hah

Nagahara-san, you're always wearing sneakers.
It's a little unusual?
HMMM.
I'M MORE USED TO WEARING THEM...
DO YOU WANT TO COME WITH ME TO SEE A MOVIE OR...
BY THE WAY, NAGAHARA-SAN...
NEXT SATURDAY... UM... IF IT'S OKAY
CATCH
...
A TENNIS BALL...?!

Huh?
WHOOS
The ball came this way
SORRY, SORRY, ARE YOU OKAY?
Y'all
Dem
THAT'S DANGER-OUS.
IT FLEW AROUND HERE. IT WAS OKAY BECAUSE NAGAHARA-SAN CAUGHT IT, BUT STILL..
STUPID LOOKING PERSON
caught it?
Is it awful
Here you go.
STA
Don't point
NAGAHARA MIU-??!!

I've been playing tennis since elementary school, too!
I still remember the tournament four years ago!
NOOOO WAY! ARE YOU REALLY HER?
THE GENIUS, NAGAHARA-SAN... YOU ARE INDEED FAMOUS.
Even a Yankee like him
WHO THE HECK ARE YOU?
YOU'RE SCARING NAGAHARA SAN.
TENNIS...? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THIS PERSON... KNOWS ABOUT ME
I'LL STAY OUT OF THIS...
STEP
STEP
I'M TSUJIMOTO MAJA, A FIRST YEAR IN THE TENNIS CLUB.
YO!
AH?

Nagawara Mio. Are you going to join the tennis club, too?
Oh
Or some other tennis club?
I just joined the club yesterday
It's my dream to play tennis with you and...
I'M SORRY, BUT ...
THE NAGAHARA MIU THAT YOU KNOW ...
... ISN'T HERE ANYMORE
RUN
PANT
"I STILL REMEMBER THE TOURNAMENT FOUR YEARS AGO!"
"NAGAHARA-SAN YOU'RE ALWAYS WEARING SNEAKERS."
PLEASE ...

DON'T
...
squeeze
...
MAKE ME
REMEMBER
...
Nagahara
-san
SLUT
Tiege
ther
Are you free this saturday?
YES
Well
w-would you like to go to the movies?

Sorry, my legs...
NAGAHARA MIU. I WANT TO TALK TO YOU!
...It's too late?
THAT GUY FROM YESTERDAY!
YOU HAVE SOMETHING ELSE YOU WANT TO SAY TO ME?
YEAH. I'LL SPEAK PLAINLY.
BAM!
BE MY PARTNER IN DOUBLES!
...high school ...co-ed doubles tournament
IT'S STARTED TO GET SOME MEDIA COVERAGE
IT'S BEEN SPREADING BY WORD OF MOUTH AND NOW,
THE COMPETITION IS THIS SATURDAY
?!

There's a co-ed doubles requirement..
THE SPONSOR?
So that's why he's inviting tennis superstars...
Ah!
THE SPONSOR LIKES STRANGE STUFF SO ...
IT'S A STRANGE COMPETITION ISN'T IT?
Hah
DID YOU NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT I SAID YESTERDAY?
I ALREADY QUIT TENNIS
BON-BON!
辻本カンパニー社長ご子息ー→
My father.
I already signed both of us up together.
No, I mean ...
BECAUSE ...
YOU ARE DESTINED TO PLAY TENNIS.
WHA ...
THUM

"PLAYING TENNIS WITH NAGAHARA MIU" HAS ALWAYS BEEN PART OF MY DREAM!
It's at 10 o'clock in the morning! The competition is here at school!
So annoyed
Don't be late!
Mua kala laa
HEY ...
WAIT!
I'M NOT...
I'M NOT GOING ...
...TO A TENNIS COMPETITION ...
<Saturday>
I CAN'T CONCENTRATE ON STUDYING AT ALL
... NO.
tick
tick
tick
tick

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YOU'RE LATE!
I TOLD YOU NOT TO BE LATE!
oh
MIU, ARE YOU GOING OUT?
... YEAH.
I'M GOING TO THE LIBRARY AT SCHOOL.
Uh
Uh
Isn't listening
UGH.
I JUST CAME TO STUDY...
NO ..
Uh
THE COMPETITION STARTS IN 5 MINUTES!!
HURRY UP!
I TOLD YOU, I DIDN'T COME TO PLAY TENNIS...

snap
grab
LOVE
USE THIS RACKET!
WHAT?
THE GIRL'S LOCKER ROOM IS OVER THERE!
HEY
It's okay if you're just stand there or something.
Let's play together!
Wow! What a pretty girl.
mutter
Look look

BEST OF 3 SET MATCH.
FIRST SERVICE. SERVE TO PLAY.
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
TH —— UNK...
THUMP

AH
HH?
HH
RA
AA
AA
AH
HH!
I CAN'T
UH-
HEY!
15-0
WHAT?
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SAID, "IT'S OKAY IF YOU JUST STAND THERE OR SOMETHING
I WON'T BE ABLE TO GO BACK.
IF I START MOVING NOW!..
Stop! Nagahara-san...
BUT... ISN'T SHE CHOOSING GOOD PLACES TO STAND?
Yeah
Shes a beauty
IS THE GIRL NEW?
WHAT IS IT WITH THOSE TWO...
GAME SET
Still won.
MATCH WON BY TSUJIMOTO AND NAGAHARA
GRR
RRR
Who where's up with this pair?

Already the second match
SLAM!
NAGAHARA-SAN!
Thought that Miu would hit in the library so he came to school.
UGH...
SMACK!
IN THE FIRST MATCH, THE OPPONENTS WERE SHANKING AND KEPT MISSING,
BUT THAT WON'T HAPPEN FOR THE SECOND MATCH AS WELL.
A SEQUENCE OF CROSS COURT SHOTS
ONE SIDE IS WAITING FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO POACH
AND SO ONE PRETENDS TO HIT ANOTHER STRAIGHT SHOT
BUT ACTUALLY HITS A REVERSE CROSS COURT LOB
SO WHY DON'T YOU MOVE?
WHACK
WHACK

Translator's Notes: 1) poach: In doubles, to hit a ball, usually with a volley, that would ordinarily have been played by the partner 2) lob: A shot that is hit in a high arc, usually over the opponent's head.

THE DISTANCE OF THREE BALLS
IT WON'T REACH.
I'LL MAKE IT REACH!
SL!!
AIM
SWOOOSH
sliding
BOUNCE
IN!
fwip
30 | 30
Bwa ha
YUU USS SSS !!
It reached

IGNORE
ME!
DON'T
So
Do you want to play yet?
I KNOW
I'VE FELT IT...
THE FUTURE
THE HEAT OF THE COURT ...
WHEN WAS THE FIRST TIME I PLAYED TENNIS...
I WONDER?

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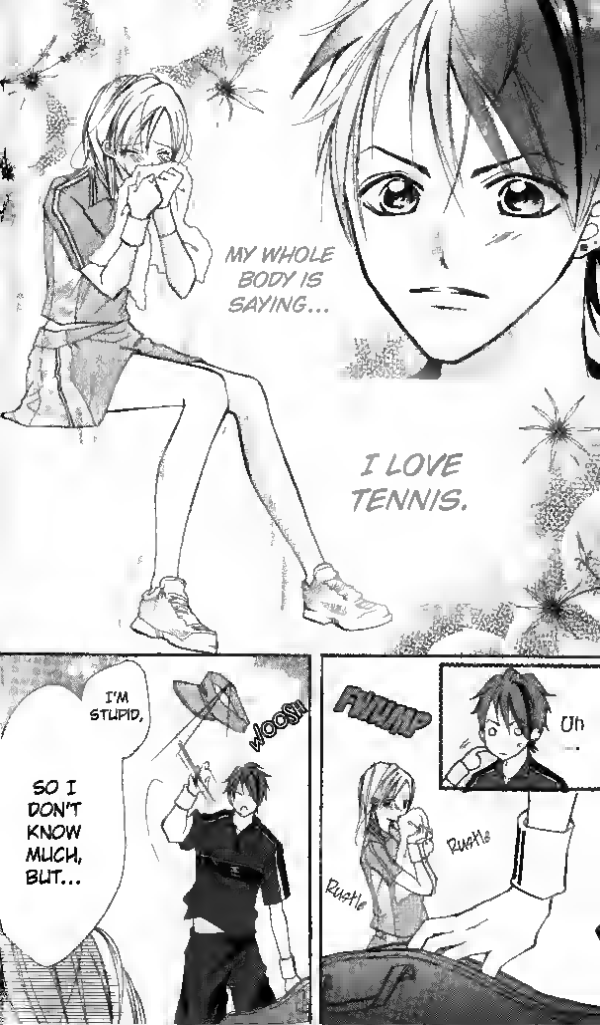
BUT THE MATCH ISN'T OVER YET!
IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GOING TO LOSE!
Uhggg...
...SO,
WHY ARE YOU OKAY EVEN THOUGH IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE GOING TO LOSE?

TENNIS WAS SO FUN, I COULDN'T HELP IT...
1 2 3
辻本・永原
坂下・井上
6 2 0
4 6 4

THE FEAR THAT TENNIS IS BECOMING YOUR LIFE...
EVERYONE ONLY SAW ME AS A TENNIS PLAYER.

I GUESS YOU DON'T KNOW
WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO STAND ON THE COURT AND ONLY FEEL THE FEAR OF LOSING ...

I DON'T WANT TO GO BACK TO THOSE DAYS.
I THOUGHT I WOULD BE ABLE TO FORGET IT IF I DEVOTED MYSELF TO STUDYING OR SOMETHING ELSE.
I WANTED TO FORGET TENNIS.
... SO ...
... WHY?
SINCE A LITTLE WHILE AGO, I'VE WANTED TO PLAY TENNIS SO BADLY
MY BODY IS SHAKING ON ITS OWN.


MY WHOLE BODY IS SAYING...
I LOVE TENNIS.
I'M STUPID,
SO I DON'T KNOW MUCH, BUT...
WOOSH
FWUMP
Uh
Rustle
Rustle

(catch)
NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO, YOU ARE YOU.
THESE ...
IF YOU SAY THAT YOU LIKE TENNIS,
WHY NOT PLAY TENNIS?

TOGETHER
TIME!
BARK
IT'S KIND OF A PROBLEM IF YOU DON'T START PLAYING SERIOUSLY NOW.
ANYWAYS, IT'S FOR MY OWN DREAM, TOO
BARK
THESE SIMPLE WORDS
..ARE MAKING THE ICE THAT HAS FORMED AROUND MY EMOTIONS FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS, MELT AWAY..
EVEN THOUGH THIS IS ALL MESSED UP.
ISSEI,
YOU'RE THE FIRST PERSON WHO HAS ACTUALLY STOPPED ME FROM QUITTING TENNIS.
4x80m

SFX- thump, thump, thump

STEP
TENNIS
My whole body remembers ...

sfx- slam
ドガッ

SLAM
SMASH
ニャ

SILENCE...
Tennis Player: Nagahara Miu
Mm
I WONDER HOW MANY YEARS IT'S BEEN SINCE I HAVE SERVED A BALL
SO,
...
has been revived here.
SHALL WE CONTINUE?

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slightly
touches
H-
Hahhhhh!
THAT'S
TSUJIMOTO'S STROKES ARE SO STRONG
BUT MOST NOTABLY
DRO-
SFX YES
Sumi-san why you here there
WOW
HIS LOUD SHOWY VOICE AND PLAIN PLAY TOTALLY
MISMATCH!!
SFX: *SMASH*
NAGAHARA'S SPEED SMASH!
ALSO...
IT TAKES ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPONENT'S BLIND SPOT SO PRECISELY!!

魂
IT'S ACQUISITION, ISN'T IT?
THOSE TWO MOVE SO FAST...
THE OPPONENTS ARE FROZEN IN SHOCK!
Hey, You!
YOU, IS IT TRUE THAT YOU STOPPED PLAYING TENNIS FOR FOUR YEARS STRAIGHT?
WHO TOLD YOU THAT?
Sir, it's all [illegible] Uehara!
WELL,
I RAN THREE KM A DAY EACH DAY OF THE FOUR YEARS I MISSED. SO I WOULDN'T SAY THAT I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING...
...DISPLAYS TRUE GENIUS
THAT FACT THAT YOU CAN SAY THAT SO FREELY...
VICTORY GOES TO TSUJIMOTO-NAGAHARA
AND
THE "DARK HORSE" TSUJIMOTO-NAGAHARA TEAM WON USING THEIR ULTIMATE STRENGTH

clap
GAME SET!
YAY!! WE WON!!
I'M-
I'M SO HAPPY!
WE GOT CLOSER TO TOMORROW'S FINALS
HUH!? THE FINALS AREN'T TODAY?!
shock
EH, IT'S YOU AGAIN!?
THEY WAIT UNTIL EVERY PLAYER'S CONDITION IS GOOD FOR PLAYING TENNIS.
LONG TIME NO SEE, MIU-PYON.
TOMORROW'S OPPONENTS ARE...?
Tournament Chart
SPIKE * JUMP

HIYIRAGI-KUN! TSUBAKI-CHAN!
M-Miu-puun?!
FANCY MEETING YOU HERE
WE MET AT A GOOD MATCH
Miu-kun "-puun" and all!
AND THEY'RE YOUR FRIENDS?!
They look like to fall on Miu-puun.
AH! YOU'RE 156CM TSUJIMOTO-KUN!
YOU APPEARED IN THE PREVIOUS MATCH!
IT WAS TOO LOUD FOR US TO MISS
HIYIRAGI
TSUBAKI?
EH! TOMORROW'S OPPONENTS?!
You two are some of the best in the world! What the heck are you doing here?!
You're the twins, Hiyiragi and Tsubaki Takazawa?!
Will You calm down?
I see you on TV all the time!

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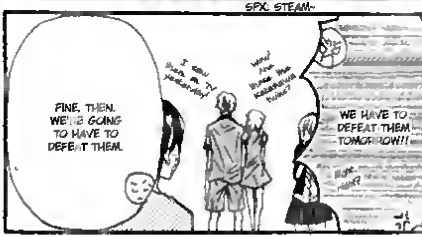

OHH THAT'S CAUSE I WAS TRAINING
BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU PLAY ANY MATCHES
OH, YEAH YOU'VE BEEN PLAYING TENNIS SINCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
EH!?

IN THE END, THIS BAD DELINQUENT RETURNED TO PLAYING TENNIS SUCCESSFULLY!
THAT'S GARA'S BAD SIDE?
OH, WELL.. NOW I HAVE NOTHING THAT CAN STOP ME FROM PLAYING TENNIS!
IF IT'S MONEY I HAVE PLENTY SO THAT'S NOT A REASON. I ALWAYS GET LOOKED DOWN AS "CUTE" BY GARA'S OLDER BROTHER AND HIS BAD DELINQUENT FRIENDS, SO I JOINED THEM.
I PROCRASTINATED WHEN IT CAME TO PRACTICING AND WENT OUT TO PLAY A LOT.
NEVER MIND
Hey!!!
ISSEI!!
?...
I WATCHED YOUR MATCH!
YOU'RE GOING TO WIN EASILY!!
UM... ABOUT THAT...

OH, YEAH. ONE OF MY FRIENDS CAME TO VISIT THIS TIME!
THE BOND BETWEEN FATHER AND SON...
I'M WONDERING WHY HE'S NOT MAKING ANY MOVES ON HER... YEAH, RIGHT.
SHUT UP!!
HOW CAN YOU IGNORE THIS CUTE GIRL WITHOUT A WORD?
DAD!!
HEY, LITTLE GIRL! NICE TO MEET YOU!
NICO?
HALLOO! ISSEI!!
Long time no see!
NICO-CHAN!
Yay!
LET'S SHOW NICO-CHAN OUR BEST!
LET'S GIVE IT OU... ALL!!
THIS TOURNAMENT ISN'T AN ORDINARY COMPETITION.
Ohhh.
SO THAT'S HIS REAL NAME
Didn't I tell you?
NICO-CHAN, NICO-CHAN IS NICOLE KANE??
HE'S THE LEADER OF THE INTERNATIONAL TENNIS ASSOCIATION!!
REALLY?
He's not like a normal...
I would like such an uncle, please.
Waahhhh~
COLD
Oh!
I'M GONNA BE BORED TOMORROW SO I'LL PROBABLY FORGET ABOUT THE MATCH.

SFX. GRAB
KYAA?!
SFX. FROZEN
JUST KIDDING
IT WAS A JOKE A JOKE
LIFT
YOUR "JOKE" ISN'T MUCH OF A JOKE TO ME, YOU KNOW.
WHA-
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! LET ME DOWN!!
STOP MOVING, DAMMIT!!

I
Ah, this car is hardly
LATER
I-I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!!
SFX: VROOOM
HAVE FUN WHILE YOU CAN...
...ISSEI TSUJIMOTO
SFX: TADA
SFX: BAM
SFX: BAM
UNTIL TOMORROW MIU NAGAHAMA WILL BE...
STAYING AT MY HOUSE

MISS MU, WE HAVE CONTACTED YOUR HOME, SO NO NEED TO WORRY
64 YEARS. OLD MAN.
HE'S SO TROUBLESOME AND MESSY
SFX: SLUMP
YOU SURE ARE GULLIBLE...
IT'S DECIDED! STAY HERE UNTIL TOMORROW OK?!
Y-
Y-YES...
Hello? A nightgown?
Please use this and clean clothes
IT HAS BEEN HIS LIFE DREAM TO PLAY TENNIS WITH YOU
PLEASE FORGIVE MASTER ISSEI'S BEHAVIOR
THE SOUND OF A BALL?
TODAY...
...A LOT OF THINGS HAPPENED.
I'M SO TIRED YET I CAN'T SLEEP...
SFX: PACOON

SFX: BAM
STOP
WOW.
THIS GUY WHO USUALLY JUST TALKS BIG...
...ALSO PRACTICES
JUMP
HUH?!
YOU WERE HERE?
STARE
HE HAS HIS OWN TENNIS COURT AT HIS HOUSE?
AH! STOP! TRYING TO ESCAPE, ARE YOU?!
NO, I'M NOT!
SFX: RAAWWRR
GRABS
AH.
LOOK AT ALL THE BLISTERS YOU HAVE.

WHEN I WAS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
...MY FATHER FORCED ME TO LEARN TENNIS.
I WAS SUPER TICKED AT MY FATHER FOR ALWAYS SAYING STUFF LIKE, "YOU'RE LUCKY I'M LETTING YOU LEARN TENNIS."
SO WHEN I WENT TO MIDDLE SCHOOL, I GOT INTO A LOT OF GANG FIGHTS.
I'M NOT GONNA FORGET ABOUT YOU.
...BUT THIS HAPPENED TO YOU.
I THOUGHT THEY WERE ALL PRETTY STUPID FOR GETTING SO WORKED UP OVER IT.
HE WAS THERE AT THE TENNIS GAME'S MEETING PLACE
THEN ONE DAY, ONLY THIS DAY, MY DAD WAS REALLY TIRED.
SFX WAHHHH
SHE WAS A GENIUS
THERE WAS ONE COURT WHERE IT WAS COMPLETELY SILENT.
...SO I LOOKED.

DO YOU ALSO PLAY TENNIS?
LI-LIH.
YEAH.
THAT'S WHY I WENT TO GO MEET HER AFTER THE MATCH
I THOUGHT SHE WAS REALLY ADMIRABLE.
SHE RETURNED THE BALLS WITHOUT ANY TROUBLE.
HUH?
THEN PLEASE TAKE BETTER CARE OF YOUR HANDS.
THEY LOOK REALLY GOOD FOR PLAYING TENNIS
YOUR HANDS LOOK SO HEALTHY AND STRONG.
FROM THEN ON..

...I DECIDED TO STOP FIGHTING...
AND START PLAYING TENNIS FOR REAL.
BECAUSE...
...THE GENIUS, MIU NAGAHARA, DECIDED TO SAY SUCH THING TO ME
SO...
WHEN WE MET AGAIN IN HIGH SCHOOL, YOU WERE ALL "I QUIT TENNIS!"
ALTHOUGH I WASN'T IN JUNIORS, I STILL WANTED TO PLAY TENNIS!
How can't have to say that much
SFX: *FROWNS*

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THANK YOU
ISSEL .
What she doesn't know is that I looked really hard to find her again in high school.
?
OH, BY THE WAY...
THIS IS A PRESENT FROM MY FATHER.
He left it for you earlier.
LET'S HOPE TODAY WILL BE ANOTHER VICTORY FOR US!!!
Thank you for the meal.

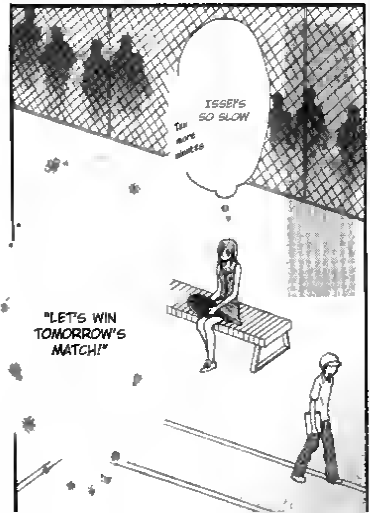
THE MEASUREMENTS ARE JUST RIGHT!!
THE DESIGNER HAD TO MEASURE YOU WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING YESTERDAY
SFX. *GHOSTLY SHOCKED*
Ta-Dah!
THE TSUJIMOTO COMPANY MADE IT ESPECIALLY TO SUPPORT US!
WHOA!! MILI THE MODEL!!
HIRIYAGI-KUN! TSUBAKI-CHAN! WHY DID YOU ENTER THIS TOURNAMENT?
WHAT'S YOUR PLAN FOR YOUR NEXT MATCH?
SFX. *MURMURS*
THE DARK HORSE! THE TSUJIMOTO-NAGAHARA PAIR!
SFX. SCREECH
THEY'RE HERE!

GROW
GROW
GROW
I HEARD THAT TSUJIMOTO IS THE TOURNAMENT ORGANIZER'S SON!
HE LOOKS TOUGH.
ISN'T THAT GROUP C'S NAGAHARA SHUUSAI-SAN?
HE WAS HERE?
SFX. "RAWR"
YOU GUYS ARE GOING TO LOSE.
YOU'VE GOTTEN QUITE FAMOUS SINCE YESTERDAY
DID YOU NOTICE MIU-PYON?
MAYBE THIS TOURNAMENT ACTUALLY...
THAT NICOLE AMII GUY ALSO CAME TO THIS TOURNAMENT.
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S WEIRD FOR REPORTERS TO COME TO THIS SMALL TOURNAMENT?
NO MATTER HOW GOOD YOU GUYS ARE.
SFX. "NOISE"

...HAS A DEEPER PURPOSE TO IT
Stare
Ha Ha Ha Ha
I look forward to our match!
ARE YOU DAYDREAMING AGAIN?
DO YOU THINK I'M A HOT GUY?
FINE!
I'M GOING TO GO TO THE LOCKER ROOMS TO PUT OUR STUFF AWAY
NO! I'M NOT!
Eeew very clearly
MEN'S ROOM
I SHOULD'VE SPOKEN UP!!!
AW...DAMMIT! WHY WAS I SO QUIET?

W-
WHO THE HELL?!
OOP
Kick
SFX: SUDDEN
LONG TIME NO SEE...
YO, TSUJIMOTO
W-WHY ARE YOU HERE?
I THOUGHT I CUT OFF ALL TIES WITH YOU!
WE'RE GONNA HAVE SOME PROBLEMS IF YOU KEEP RAMBLING S***

I'M GONNA MAKE YOU PAY THAT DEBT FROM THE PAST
H-HUH?!
!
DAP
DAP
M-MILL
SORRY...
HIT


ISSEI'S SO SLOW
I'm sure waiting
"LET'S WIN TOMORROW'S MATCH!"

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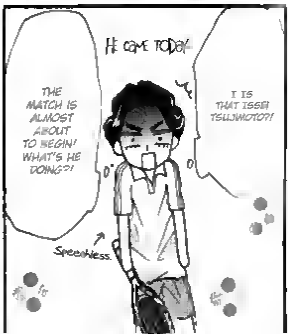
He came today!
THE MATCH IS ALMOST ABOUT TO BEGIN! WHAT'S HE DOING?!
I IS THAT ISSEI TSUJIMOTO?!
Speechless

HAVE YOU SEEN ISSEI?!
I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM ANY-WHERE!!
U-UM... I WAS JUST WITH HIM EARLIER...
MILI-CHAN!
TEN MORE MINUTES UNTIL THE MATCH BEGINS!!
IF HE DOESN'T COME BY THE OPENING CALL,
YOU TWO WILL BE FORCED TO FORFEIT!!
Pain
I-
IT HURTS...
WHERE ARE YOU, ISSEI?!
WHERE THE HECK...
...M I?
SFX: SILENCE

IWAKURA-KUN!
NAGAHARA-SAN! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
AH!
DON'T TELL ME HE WAS INFLUENCED BY THE TWINS?
MAYBE HE CHICKENED OUT AT THE LAST SECOND?
W-WHAT-EVER?
WHATEVER! ANYWAY, HAVE YOU SEEN ISSEI?!
I WON YESTERDAY'S SET!
I ALSO STARTED PLAYING TENNIS.
IT'S... SOMEWHERE... AROUND HERE
TSUJIMOTO... I SAW HIM THERE EARLIER.
WHERE?!
HURRY!!
UM...
Y-YES!
SFX: PANT PANT
SFX: "RUNNING SHORT OF AIR"

DAAAAAA!!
YOU'RE LATE!! HURRY UP AND LET ME OUT ALREADY!! I C, N'T OPEN IT FROM THE INSIDE!!
IGGE!?!
ARE YOU IN HERE!?!
ARE YOU OKAY!?!
SFX: *BANGS ON THE DOOR*
SERIOUSLY... WHEN I'M WITH YOU, I DON'T KNOW WHY I GET SO WORRIED
SINCE IT'S GOTTEN THIS FAR, I'LL GO OUT WITH YOU.

HUH?
BE PREPARED, BOYFRIEND
ISSEI
GET AWAY FROM THE DOOR.
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE
NAGAHARA -SAN...
!?

SFX: "BREAKS OPEN"
H-
HAH!!!
SFX: "SLAM"

Pant
Open
MIU NAGAHARA IS
REALLY COOL
Yeah
WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT?!
LET'S GO!
TICK TICK TICK
!

Why aren't they here yet?
AW THEY RAN AWAY AT THE LAST SECOND
BOOORING
THE TSUJIMOTO-NAGAHARA TEAM
IS NOW DISQU.
WAIT A SECOND!!
SFX. SCREECH
LET'S START
THE MATCH
MY BAD. WE'RE LATE.
SFX. DON (BAM)

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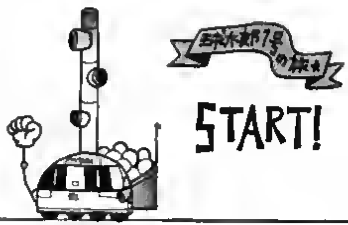
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START!

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NO WAY...
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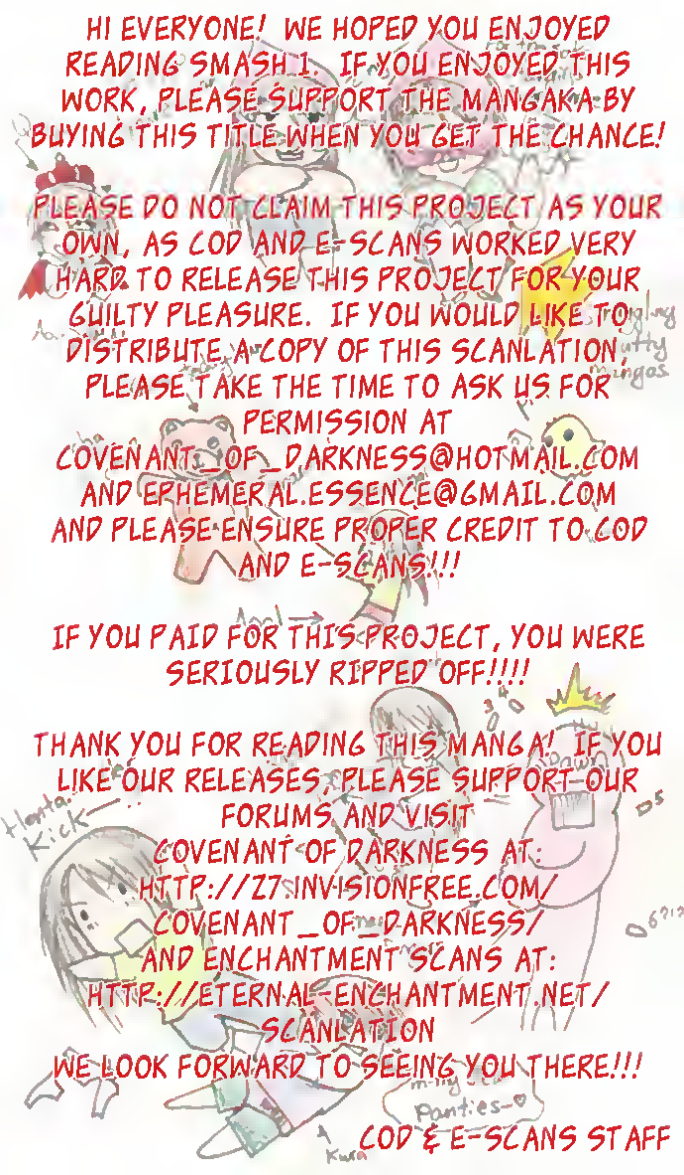
DONT MAKE MAMIYA CRY ANYMORE!!!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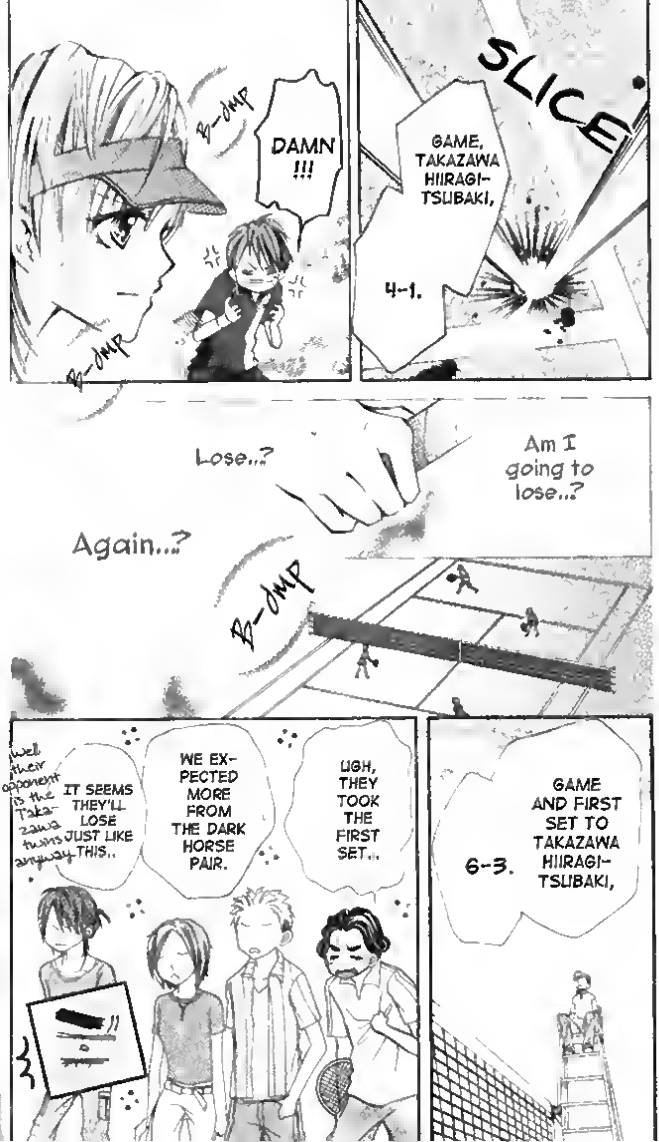
WE THOUGHT YOU HAD RUN AWAY BECAUSE YOU WERE SCARED OF US.
AREN'T YOU THE ONES WHO "WANT TO RUN" FROM US?
WELL SAID, MAN.
BA
NG
APPEAR
Slide
LET'S SAVE THE DETAILS FOR LATER
IT CAN'T BE HELPED, DAD, I HAVE LOTS OF...
Always being punched
AREN'T YOU CUTTING IT TOO CLOSE?! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN, STUPID SON!

WE HAVE TO START THE FINAL NOW,
RIGHT?
Yuuma
You're right
SHINE
THE BEST OF 3 SET MATCH.
TAKAZAWA-HIIRAGI TO SERVE!
Just in time!!
Lucky!!

UGH!
BA
NG
So heavy!

SW-
-IS-
TAP
15-0!
BA-
-M
They're much better than they were in the past!
MIU-PYON.
SHE'S GOOD.
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL FORM.

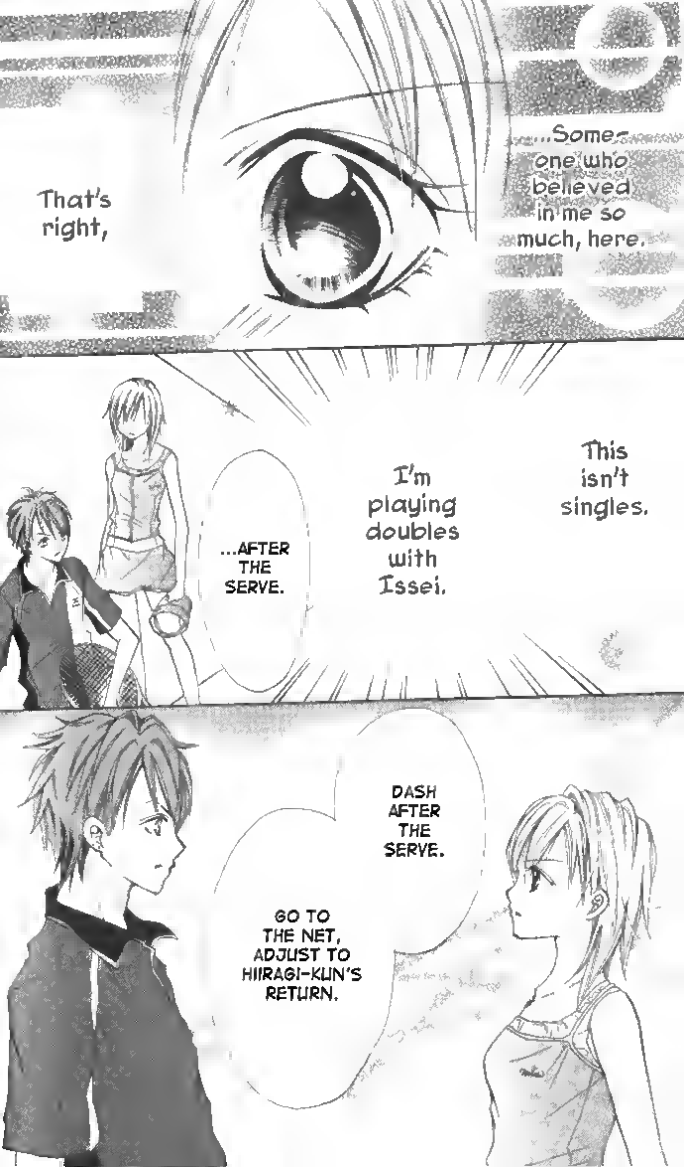
LET US SHOW YOU THE STRENGTH OF WORLD-RANKED PLAYERS.
SMACK
2-0
BA
M
3-0
SWING
SMA
CK


B-DMP
DAMN !!!
B-DMP
SLICE
GAME, TAKAZAWA HIIRAGI-TSUBAKI,
4-1.
Lose..?
Am I going to lose..?
Again..?
B-DMP
Well their opponent is the Takazawa twins anyway
IT SEEMS THEY'LL LOSE JUST LIKE THIS..
WE EXPECTED MORE FROM THE DARK HORSE PAIR.
UGH, THEY TOOK THE FIRST SET..
6-3.
GAME AND FIRST SET TO TAKAZAWA HIIRAGI-TSUBAKI,

ANG——ER!!
Barging in our comments...
An amateur...
DON'T YOU SEE THAT NAGAHARA-SAN HASN'T LAUNCHED ANY ATTACKS YET!?
YOU, WHAT MATCH HAVE YOU BEEN WATCHING!?
IT'S BEEN FOUR YEARS...
HUH...
IT'S TOO EASY...
IN THE PAST, MIU-PYON'S BALLS WERE ALMOST TOO FAST TO BE SEEN.
BIG BROTHER...

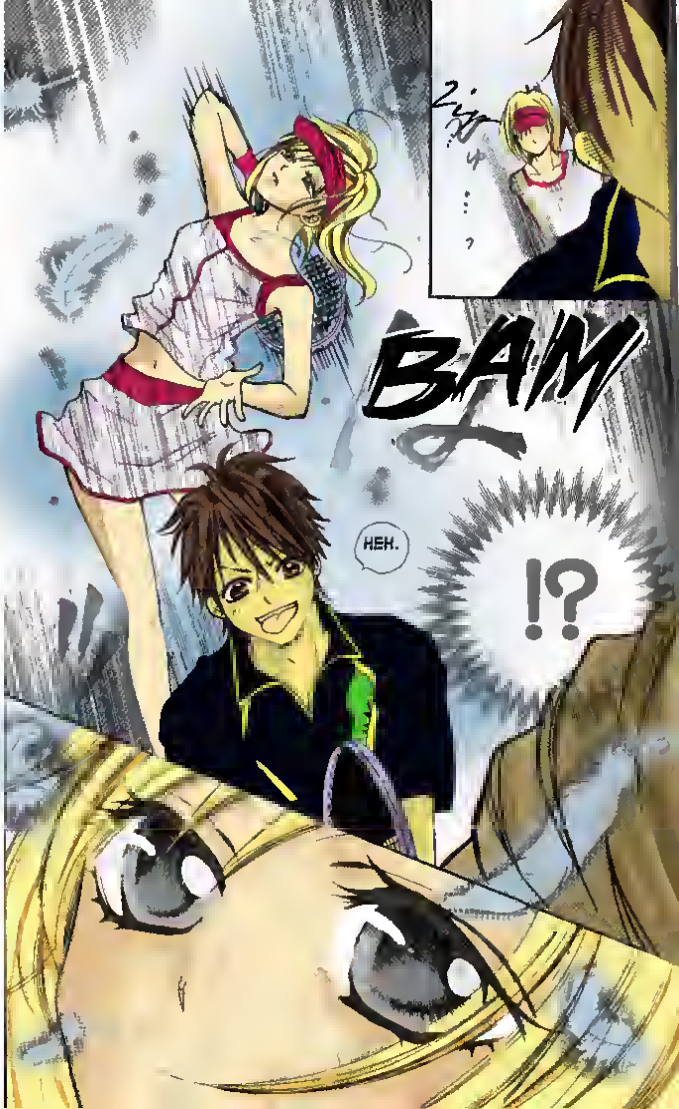
Since our opponents are Hiiragi-kun and Tsubaki, I can't fool about my condition...!
I knew it... I can't launch even half of my power
WON
CRY
ISSEI MUST HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD.
WE WON THREE GAMES?
HUH...?
I'LL NEVER LET ANYONE SAY THAT NAGHARA MIU IS LOSING BECAUSE SHE'S PAIRED WITH ME!!
OF COURSE! I'VE SEEN STRUGGLING HERE!!
I called you here right?

FOR THE SECOND SET, I'LL HOLD THEM OFF WITH ALL MY STRENGTH,
SO JUST GO ALL OUT,
YOU,
ARE NOT SOMEONE WHO WILL BE STOPPED HERE.
There is...


That's right,
...Someone who believed in me so much, here.
This isn't singles.
I'm playing doubles with Issei.
...AFTER THE SERVE.
DASH AFTER THE SERVE.
GO TO THE NET, ADJUST TO HIIRAGI-KUN'S RETURN.

YOU CAN DO IT, RIGHT?
BUT,
YOU ASK TOO MUCH.
GRIN
LEAVE IT TO ME.

After the serve...
SMASH
AHH!
Dash!!
Squeak... Squeak...
DASH
!
He's already come to the net!?
IF YOU'RE COMING TO THE NET, THEN...
I'LL JUST LOB IT TO THE BACK!
BOING


BAM
HEH.
!?

BAM
30
I
0
WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW!?
JUST AS I EXPECTED!!
SHE FLEW IN FROM THE BACK!?
SLAP
OHO!

SWISH
6-2.
GAME AND SECOND SET TO TSUJIMOTO-NAGAHARA.
BAM
4-1.
1-0.
1
2
3
UGH...
The Flow...
...has chang-ed!!
THEIR OPPONENTS ARE IN WORLD-RANKED, AREN'T THEY!?
THEY'RE REALLY GOOD...
HEY, HEY, DON'T TELL ME THE SITUATION HAS BEEN REVERSED!?

MY STUPID SON IS DOING WELL..
I think
THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN DOUBLES IS TEAMWORK.
AS LONG AS ONE CAN COMPLEMENT HIS PARTNER, THEIR POWER WILL BE DOUBLE OR EVEN TRIPLE.
DOUBLES IS JUST LIKE LOVE.
IF ONE CAN FIND A PERFECT PARTNER,
THAT PERSON IS YOUR "SOUL MATE."
LINGH!
ARGH!
SWING
TAKE THIS!

SLIDE
LUNGH!
BO NG
IT'S UP TO YOU, MIU!
BAM!

SFX Smash
AHH!

6-GAME SET!
THE WINNER IS... TSUJIMOTO-NAGAHARA PAIR!!!
WAAH

CAN'T BEAT A GENIUS,
I GUESS...
THAT'S NOT IT, HIIRAGI-KUN.
IF THIS WERE SINGLES, I ABSOLUTELY COULD NOT WIN.
I CAN ONLY WIN BECAUSE I'M PAIRED WITH ISSEI.

ANYWAY, WE STILL LOST.
MIU-PYON TO ME, IT SEEMS LIKE
YOU'LL ALWAYS BE A TENNIS PLAYER THAT I ADORE.
Hiiragi-kun
SFX | Surprise
YOU THERE, STOP RIGHT NOW!
DAN...
RUNNING

!!
Issei
ERM...
EH,
"CRUSH TSUJIMOTO ISSEI!"
MY INSTRUCTIONS WERE CLEAR, RIGHT?
EH?
I TOLD YOU,
Stride
Stride
Y-YOU ...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
THE PLAN HAS BEEN WASTED!!
YOU'RE THE ONE BEHIND THAT ATTACK?!
TSUBAKI..? WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT?!
HE.. HE SUDDENLY PASSED OUT, SO WE WERE STARTLED...

Why is Miu-pyon partnering with that guy...
GRAB
...I HAVE ONE REQUEST.
*Kombini is a convenience store
INCLUDING THE NAMES OF SOME PEOPLE WHO HELD GRUDGES AGAINST HIM.
WHILE I WAS RESEARCHING HIM, I FOUND OUT A LOT OF THINGS,
Tsujimoto? He's a bad guy!!
Kombini employee
ACTUALLY, I'M JUST AN ORDINARY COLLEGE STUDENT
THAT'S ME.
I... HAPPENED TO LOOK AT THIS TOURNAMENT'S HOMEPAGE, COINCIDENTALLY,
AND I FOUND OUT THAT MIU-PYON WAS PARTICIPATING.
Registered Participants
Tsujimoto Issei
Nagahara Miu
AT THE SAME TIME, I THOUGHT, "WHO IS THIS TSUJIMOTO?"
Eh? Well let me get my friends first
PLEASE CRUSH TSUJIMOTO ISSEI!
THAT'S BECAUSE...
I don't remember you holding grudge against me!
What have I done to you?!
Big brother is really in shock!!
Tsubaki. Since when did you become such a bad girl!!

Not to mention I thought this guy was attracted to young girls.
BIG BROTHER HAS ALWAYS CARRIED MIU-PYON'S PHOTO FOR THESE PAST FOUR YEARS!!!
KYAA
THAT'S BE-CAUSE...
BAM
...IN THE PAST, YOU WERE PLAYING TENNIS WHILE ADMIRING MIU-PYON.
I'M THE ONE WHO KNOWS ABOUT IT MOST.
MIU-PYON'S DOUBLES PARTNER IS BIG BROTHER...
IT'S BETTER IF...

YOU'RE SO POPULAR WITH GUYS.
TSU-BAKI...
HEY, TAKAZ-AWA'S SISTER,
I'M JUST THE SAME AS YOUR BROTHER.
I'M ALSO COMING HERE WHILE ADMIRING NAGAHARA MIU,
I'M STILL A NO-NAME PLAYER, BUT I'LL SURELY IMPROVE...

..UNTIL I CAN LIVE UP TO THE NAME OF NAGAHARA MIU'S PARTNER!
AS FOR YOU!!
He'll faint if he sees his own blood.
I REALLY HATE SEEING MY OWN BLOOD SPILLED!
YOU BRAT, HOW DARE YOU SHED MY BLOOD!
He'll crush them before BARIC. he's BARIC. crushed.
Aw LIKE A he's MAD DOG! them
YOU'RE RIGHT.
BANG
SWISH
HIT
Aren't you the one who was bullied?
That's not what he said yesterday...
HUH?
SHOULD I MAKE YOU MY SERVANT LIKE I DID IN THE PAST?
I'm older than you! (crying)

YOU FOUND A GOOD ONE, MIU-PYON.
BUT...
MAYBE THIS,
IS ALSO DESTINY.
SFX Cheer
わあ
Because my return to tennis...

PUSTLE
FINALLY, MY FRIEND, NICOLPH HARRY HAS AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE.
...could not have begun without Issei.
JAPANESE MIXED DOUBLES PAIR FOR A CERTAIN TOURNAMENT....
TO SEARCH FOR A,
THIS TIME, I CAME TO JAPAN,
MIU! ISSEI!
...AND I FINALLY FOUND ONE

I'LL BE WAITING AT THE STADIUM.
N-NICO-CHAN...?
THE TOURNA-MENT IS NEXT WEEK.
I CAME TO GIVE THE TWO OF YOU TICKETS FOR A TOURNA-MENT,
Golden Ground Cup in USA
Golden Ground Cup...
...AMERICA?!

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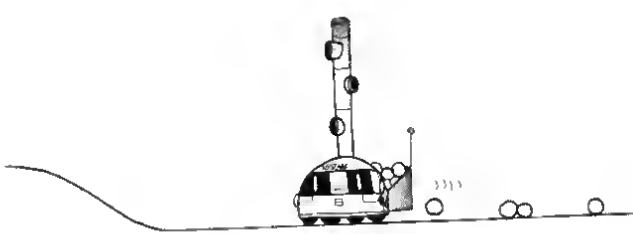

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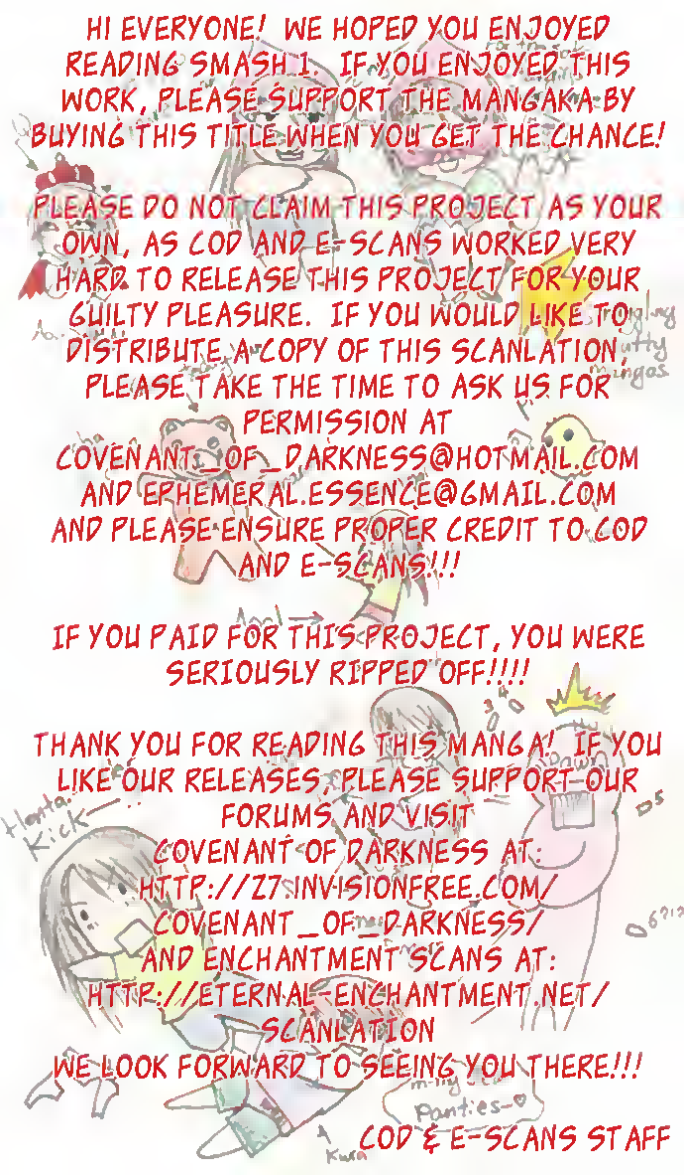
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SOLILOQUY

I spilled the red ink I had bought and used only once on my kotatsu futon When my mother saw it she mistakenly thought that my nail was bleeding and turned pale

RUSHES
NAGAHARA MIU-SAN!!
PLEASE JOIN THE GIRLS' TENNIS CLUB RIGHT NOW!
IT'S ALL THANKS TO THE SCHOOL'S COOPERATION, ISN'T IT?
TO THINK THAT THERE WAS SUCH A TALENTED STUDENT IN OUR SCHOOL!
PLEASE LET ME DO A STORY ON YOU FOR THE SCHOOL NEWSPAPER!
Girls Tennis Club Captain
APPLICATION FORM
Vice-Principal
Newspaper Club
HEYYY! HEY, HEY!
POPS UP
AH...
UMM...
UH...

Oh
IT'S THE CONSISTENTLY LATE TSUJIMOTO-KUN!
SEE HERE, NEWSPAPER CLUB! DON'T OVERLOOK MY WONDERFUL TALENTS!
ACK!
WHY ARE THEY ONLY FOCUSING ON YOU?
I also tried my hardest you know!
ISSEI!

I couldn't hold them off by myself
THANK YOU FOR COMING AND SAVING ME.
SAVE YOU?
YOU'RE PROBABLY USED TO BEING NOTICED, RIGHT?
NOT REALLY...

EVER SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL, I'VE DEVOTED MYSELF TO STUDYING, SO THERE WERE MANY TIMES WHERE I WAS ALONE.
AND THERE WASN'T ANYBODY WHO SEEMED LIKE THEY WERE WILLING TO APPROACH ME.
I WONDER IF PEOPLE THOUGHT I WAS A GLOOMY CHILD
I WAS TRYING TO HIDE MY PAST, SO I BUILT A WALL BETWEEN IT AND MYSELF..
HMPH, WHAT A WASTE.
NAGAHARA MIU IS
STUBBORN AND UNYIELDING, AND IN REALITY, AN EXTREMELY PASSIONATE PERSON
YUP

NOBODY WAS ABLE TO NOTICE THE "REAL ME"
BUT I THINK THAT IF I'M WITH YOU,
THERE WILL ALWAYS BE THIS SORT OF EXCITEMENT
I WONDER WHY ISSEI...
...WAS THE ONE WHO WAS ABLE TO FIND ME.
and
WHEN SHE SMILES AND LOOKS CUTE,
THAT'S ALSO A PLUS
Golden Ground Cup in USA
I THINK THAT MUST BE...
SFX: RUSTLES

ISSEI.
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING?
THE GOLDEN GROUND CUP.. ALSO KNOWN AS GGC.
IT'S AN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION WHERE PROS AND AMATEURS, REGARDLESS OF AGE, ARE INVITED TO COMPARE THEIR ABILITIES.
THAT'S WHY...
THIS TOP-CLASS COMPETITION, WHERE NOT YOUR NAMES BUT ONLY THE PRESSURE OF YOUR POWER WILL...
Sigh. Alright.
SINCE WE'VE GOTTEN THIS FAR, WE'RE GOING TO JOIN THE FIELD AND MAKE OUR DEBUT!
NOT THAT..
I MEAN, UNTIL THE COMPETITION, WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING ON DOING?
Considering your personality, participation is a given, right?
Eh...?

I DON'T THINK WE HAVE A PROBLEM WITH OUR PARTNERSHIP COMPATIBILITY
BUT, I STILL HAVEN'T RETURNED TO MY ORIGINAL STRENGTH,
AND YOUR PLAY IS STILL INEXPERIENCED..
I WONDER IF THIS IS..
...AN OPPORTUNITY TO MUTUALLY MEASURE HOW FAR WE'VE COME
I see
All right!
If it's like that, then this is the beginning of our special training!

YOU'RE GOING TO AMERICA FOR A TENNIS COMPETITION...?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ALL OF SUDDEN, MIU?
I HAD THOUGHT YOU WERE ACTING A BIT DIFFERENT LATELY...
I STILL REGRET TO THIS DAY
THAT TENNIS BOUND YOUR WINGS WHEN YOU WERE YOUNG
REALLY...
ISN'T THIS IMPOSSIBLE NOW?
IT'S TRUE THAT,
IN THE PAST, SEEING MAMA AND PAPA'S DELIGHTED FACES TURNED TOWARDS ME MADE ME PLAY TENNIS...
BUT,

I WANT TO PLAY TENNIS FOR MYSELF, USING MY OWN STRENGTH.
THIS TIME, IT'S DIFFERENT.
flip
MIU...
THE DREAM YOU'VE PLACED ON THE TENNIS COURT,
THIS TIME, PICK IT BACK UP AND RETURN TO US.
NOTHING CAN DISSUADE YOU. YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN STUBBORN.
ONCE YOU'VE MADE UP YOUR MIND ..
Your late grandfather was like that, too

ABOUT THE CHARACTERS- PART ④

Jin (Itou Kinji (68))
He started out as the Tsujimoto family's driver. After Issei was born, he served as Issei's caretaker. Through Issei's Coming of Age his gray delinquency period, setting his alarm clock for tennis and through any negativity, he has warmly watched over him. Jin has admirably survived very well, just like a painting. No matter what, he is a good person.

Y/N: THE SHICHI-GO-SAN "COMING OF AGE" IS A FESTIVAL DAY AND RITE OF PASSAGE FOR GIRLS AGED SEVEN (SHICHI) AND THREE (SAN) YEARS OLD AND FOR BOYS FIVE (GO) YEARS OLD

Takazawa Hiragi, Tsubaki
(High School 2nd Year)
These two are their mother's natural pair. To describe them, they are two happy people. Although the chronological order of the births of the twins (i.e. Hiragi is the older brother, Tsubaki is the younger sister) in the Takazawa family was determined by the old fashioned idea that 'Boys will stand,' somehow Tsubaki became more steadfast, shrewd one. (Laughs) Even now, they are chipping away at strong players through fierce competition like Mu and Issei for their own growth.

PAPA.
Um...
ACTUALLY, FROM NOW ON I'M GOING TO BE AWAY FOR A SPECIAL TRAINING CAMP.
This is the contact list.
PAPA, MAMA, THANK YOU.
I'M GOING NOW.

WHAT!
A BOY'S HOUSE?!
MIU...!
Dear...
TEARS UP
I WONDER HOW LONG ITS BEEN SINCE I LAST SAW THAT KIND OF SMILE.
thud
thud
Anyway
THE CONTACT LIST IS...
Let's see
1st Year Class C Tsujimoto Izumi-kun's House
Its name is, the tennis practice robot, KyutaroII
KYUTARO-1
Regulation of speed, randomization of movements, artificial intelligence,
all that and filled with the newest techniques

Smile
Sometimes sparks resemblance, angle- wave etc
THANK YOU!
Slowly, she comes to understand how to manipulate the currently
I HAD IT MADE QUICKLY AT YOUR RE- QUEST!
T/N "OMAKASE" IS WHEN THE DECISIONS ARE LEFT UP TO THE PERSON IN THIS CASE AT THE ROBOT'S DISCRETION
whirl
POP
POP
OMAKASE MODE, START. (AUTOMATICALLY)
In charge of the robot control
Understood, young master
JII, PLEASE PRESS THE START BUTTON!
LET'S TRY IT OUT RIGHT AWAY!
ping!
SFX (KA) START
GO
click
Excited

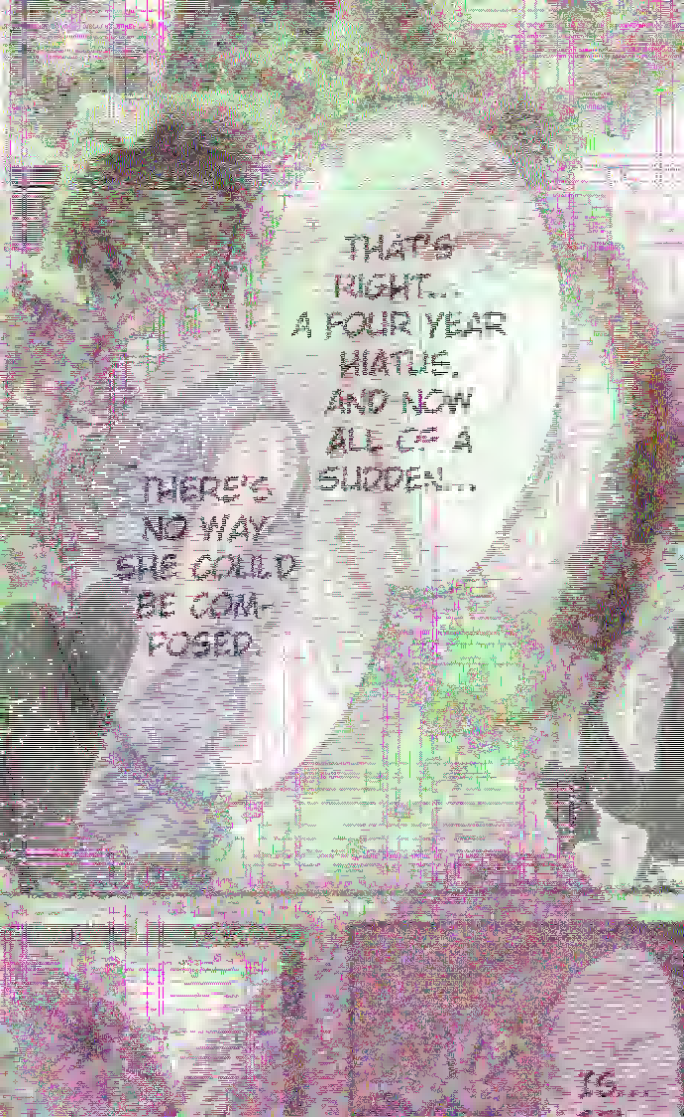
SFX THWACK!
BOOM!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
ON SECOND THOUGHT, LET'S LOWER THE SPEED FOR THE FIRST COUPLE...
I couldn't even see the ball
Young master!
S-SIR... TURN THE SWITCH OFF...!
BLOOD
BLOOD
CLENCH
IF YOU CAN'T TAKE IT AT THIS LEVEL, YOUR HANDS AND LEGS WON'T IMPROVE
IN THIS WORLD, THERE ARE PLAYERS WHO CAN HIT THESE KINDS OF BALLS, YOU KNOW.

YOU'LL BE OK.
IF YOU USE KYUTARO AT FULL STRENGTH,
I EXPECT THAT AFTER SIX DAYS, WE WILL IMPROVE QUITE A BIT.
Heh
THIS IS DESPE-RATE TIMES.
ONLY PRACTICE EXISTS!
SFX: (DO) BAM
UGH
Time
Smiles
WHOOSH
KYUTARO
ZIP

ISSEI!
IT'S GOOD THAT YOU GO FOR THE BALL, BUT AFTERWARDS, YOU CAN'T LET UP ON THE COURT!
damn!
I KNOW THAT!
SFX POINT
Bounce
What the hell! That damned artificial intelligence!
OUT.
WHACK
WHEN I HIT THE BALL, MY CENTER OF GRAVITY SLIPS A BIT... AS EXPECTED, THE REACH OF MY ARMS HAS CHANGED CONSIDERABLY.
IF I CAN'T GET USED TO THIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THEN...
NUMEROUS RALLS RAPID FIRE MODE
IF WE CAN KEEP UP WITH THESE BALLS,
Do your best, you nuo!
ping!
ping!

WE WILL DEFINITELY BE ABLE TO BECOME STRONGER!
BALL-FINDER MODE
Wobble
FALL
Time th
goodess
Smile
BUT YOU ALSO WERE ABLE TO REMAIN COMPOSED THROUGH-OUT IT.
IT'S .IT'S ONLY TO BE EXPECTED THAT SOME-ONE OF MY GREATNESS WOULD BE ABLE TO HANDLE THIS KIND OF PRACTICE.
Obli-vious
Obli-vious
pause
HMM?

ASLEEP
Snore
BEAUTI-FUL
WHA—
WHA...
WAIT A MIN—
DON'T JUST...!
SFX HMFH
Somehow, it seems like lately I'm always carrying her
SHAKE
SHAKE
WORKING YOURSELF UNTIL THE POINT OF EX-HAUSTION IS A SIGN OF A GENIUS..


THAT'S RIGHT... A FOUR YEAR HIATUS. AND NOW ALL OF A SUDDEN...
THERE'S NO WAY SHE COULD BE COMPOSED.
IS...

Sleep
Jill...
He was always there.
Ye—
YES!
Bdmp
Bdmp
Talking in her sleep
どかーん!!
SFX: BAM
I'M MAKING A DECLARATION RIGHT HERE!
I'M GOING TO BECOME THE STRONGEST IN THE WORLD!
Young master, that's splendid!
Right...?
uh...
Clap Clap
Younger master, that's the master's room
oh ho ho ho

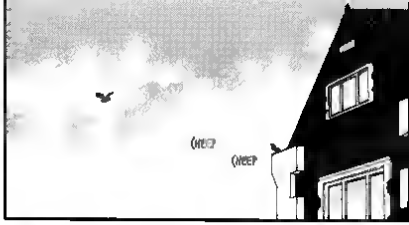
ABOUT THE CHARACTERS – PART 5

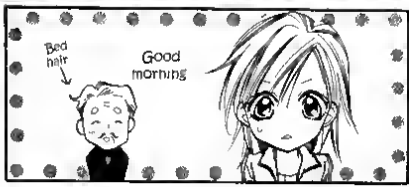
Issei's Papa & Nicolph Harry

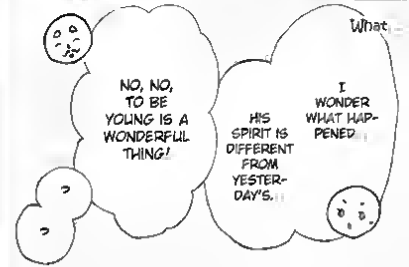
I have received the question "What is Issei's papa's name?" It's Tsujimoto Nobuhisa. I just thought of it now. Issei's mama doesn't appear until at the end, but she works overseas (she's in charge of Tsujimoto Company's Asia's branch office). In order to dedicate himself to managing his company, Issei's papa has entrusted his dream of getting to the top of his beloved tennis world to Issei. Even if Issei is gray ("Issei is my son. There is no doubt at all that he'll be interested in tennis! Hahaha ~") he'll settle down to my pace. He met his close friend Nico-chan at a tennis celebrity party. In the past, Nico-chan was a world famous tennis player. He married his then female tennis doubles partner. Now he's grandfather to three children.

Issei's Delinquent Friends

As expected, they are now respectively rehabilitated and are trying their hardest at things like part time jobs and university. Truthfully, they're all normal people. The stupidity of youth can happen to anyone, right?

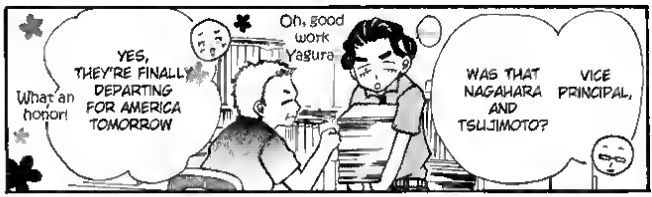




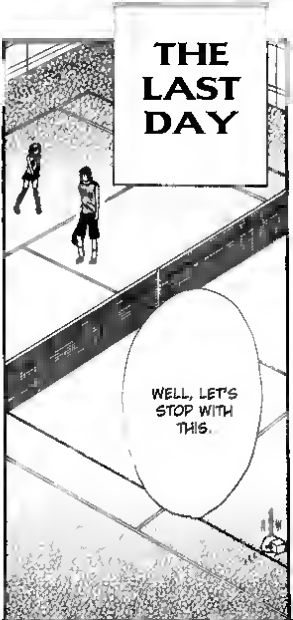


Preparing drinks
JII
NOT YET...
PLEASE LET ME INCREASE MY SPEED SOME MORE!
YES, SIR.
I ALSO CAN'T DO THIS CARELESSLY.
Yes.
I UNDERSTAND. THEN ABOUT THE TEMPORARY LEAVE OF ABSENCE...

IT'S BEEN DECIDED THAT YOU'LL TAKE SUPPLEMENTARY LESSONS FOR CREDIT AFTER YOU RETURN TO THE COUNTRY.
YES, GOOD-BYE.


VICE PRINCIPAL, WAS THAT NAGAHARA AND TSUJIMOTO?
Oh, good work Yagura
YES, THEY'RE FINALLY DEPARTING FOR AMERICA TOMORROW
What an honor!

WHY DON'T WE TEST IT OUT,
THE RESULT OF OUR SIX DAYS OF WORK!
BOOM


THE LAST DAY
WELL, LET'S STOP WITH THIS.

WHOOSH
Heh!
AFTER ALL THIS TRAINING, THIS BALL IS A....
PIECE
OF CAKE!
OUT
BOUNCE

Squeak
Squeak
Squeak
NO MATTER WHAT KIND OF BALL IT SERVES,
Whoosh
Whoosh
Whoosh
I CAN SEE IT!

AH!
...HAVE BECOME STRONG.
Tweet
AH...
WE...
JUMP
SFX: BAM

SFX: WHACK!
CRASH
!?
STARTING TOMORROW, OUR OPPONENTS WILL NO LONGER BE THAT ROBOT.
THIS WAYS
SFX: BUZZ BUZZ
Hey—!
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO BREAK KYUTARO!
...Ah...I got a little carried away...
You evil destroyer!

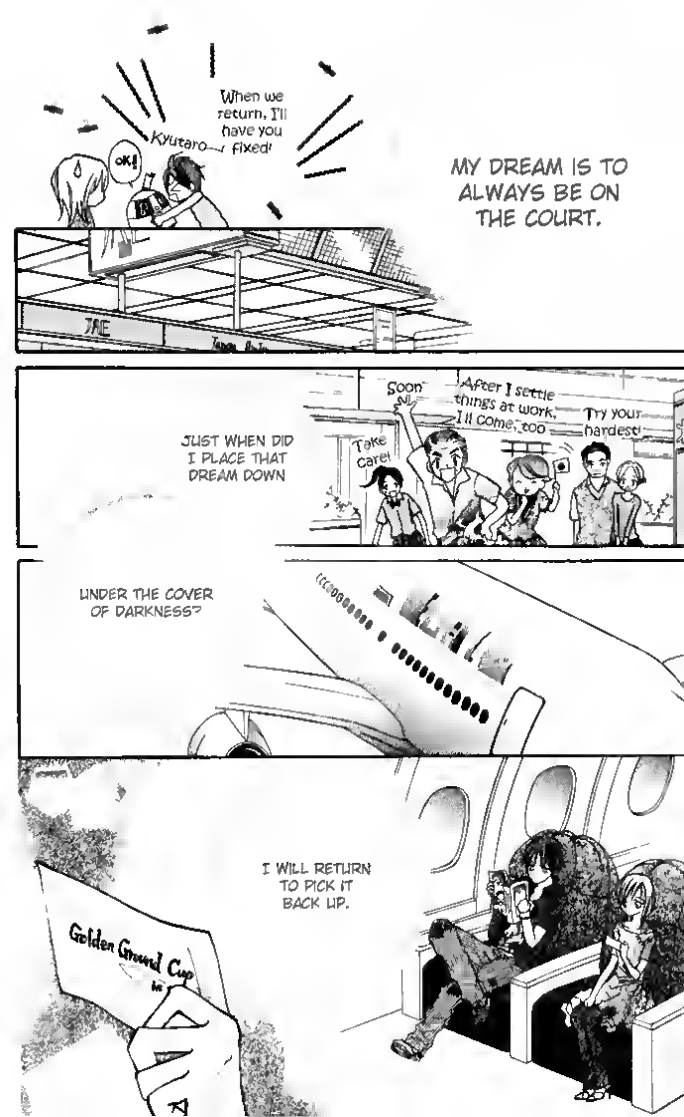
Now then this time is about Fujiwara san

After the fourth story s manu script was released I escaped overseas! Well actually it was the supplementary prize of a debut, a Canadian Vacation that was finally carried out. I debuted three years earlier The timing was always wrong so this vaca tion was long in coming. However the schedule for the trip was a bit scary Members Asarou Taiko chan Komura Fumi chan and the editor Y san took a tour of a glacier on horseback. It was a really luxurious trip In the town of Banff our guide who took us around was Koba san a shrewd man but also gave off a really kind feeling While the car was moving, he always did things like giving us explanations about Canada However while we were looking at the beautiful scenery the swaying of the car slowly rocked us to sleep

AFTERWARDS

Even though I didn t write about the parts where we didn t fall asleep it was a lovely vacation

After I slept, I drew the manuscript while feeling like death


When we return, I'll have you fixed!
Kyutaro
OK!
MY DREAM IS TO ALWAYS BE ON THE COURT.
JUST WHEN DID I PLACE THAT DREAM DOWN
Soon
After I settle things at work, I'll come, too
Try your hardest!
Take care!
UNDER THE COVER OF DARKNESS?
I WILL RETURN TO PICK IT BACK UP.
Golden Ground Cup

AH
THE "ME" NOW WILL DEFINITELY BE OK.
I wonder if I could have a large serving of the meat.
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, THAT PERSON DIDN'T COME TO THE SEND-OFF...
I absolutely thought he would come
IWAKURA-KUN?
I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM LATELY
that person
Chi--
CHICKEN, PLEASE!
FISH ONLY
He's here!
That voice
NOW THEN,
ZOOM
TO THE GGC.

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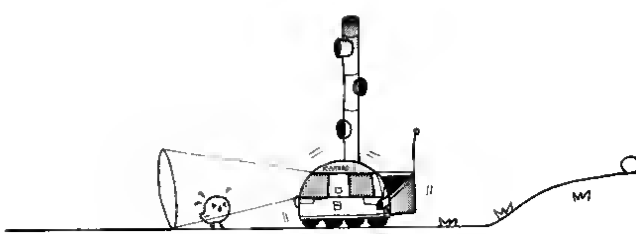

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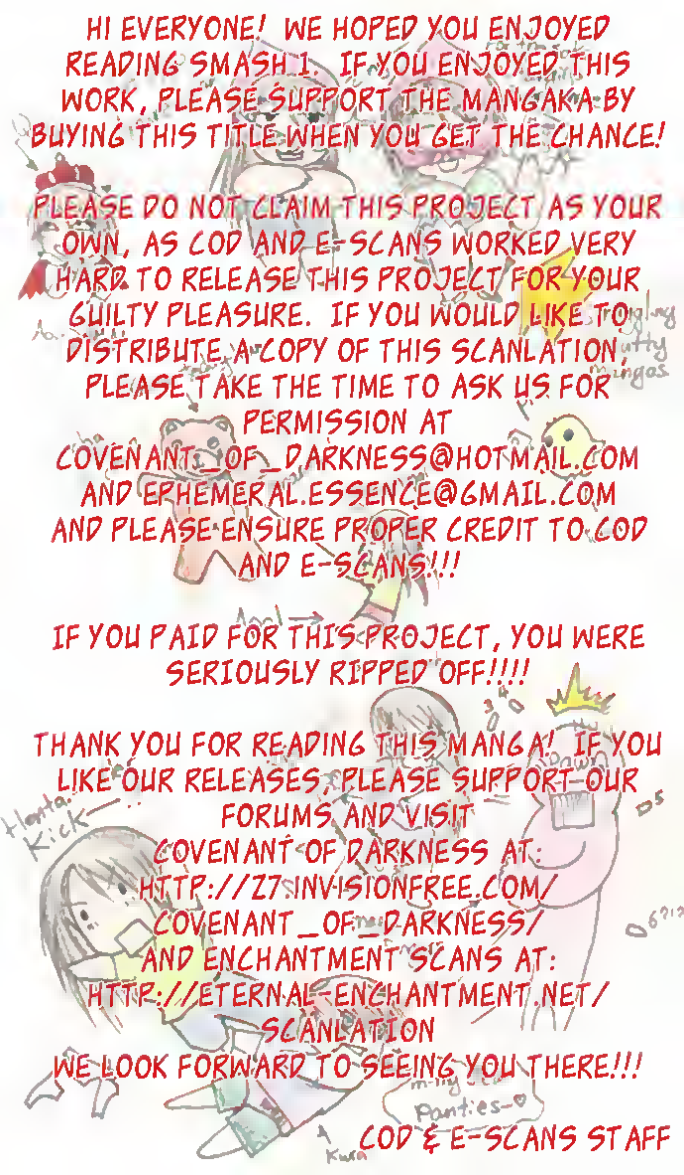
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CHAPTER 5

第5話

Soliloquy

Our beloved dog is the leading actor in a performance group. He has the bad disadvantage of not doing anything for you.

T/N: NICO MIXES JAPANESE AND ENGLISH TOGETHER SO I'VE KEPT THE JAPANESE AS HE APPS THEM ONTO HIS ORIGINAL SENTENCES. "DESUYO" BASICALLY AFFIRMS WHAT HE'S ALREADY SAID AND "NE" ASKS FOR CONFIRMATION. A BIT LIKE "OKAY?" TO THE END OF SENTENCES

T/N: IN JAPANESE, "I'M SORRY."

WHAT-EVER!
TWONG
Tournament Schedule
CRUSH
YOU KNOW, PEOPLE AROUND HERE PROB-ABLY THINK THE SAME OF US.
I WONDER IF IT'S BECAUSE THEY'RE WEAK?
Hahaha
I HAVEN'T HEARD OF THEM..
I'M GOING TO MAKE EVERY-ONE HERE
REMEMBER OUR NAMES BEFORE THEY LEAVE
OUR FIGHTING SPIRIT IS ENOUGH!

SFX: BOING
SFX: SLAM
SFX: CHATTER
AREN'T THEY ONLY IN MIDDLE SCHOOL?!
Of course he's here.
Oh
Oh
Oh
They're Japanese...?! Those two have some pretty powerful plays.
T/N: THIS WAS WRITTEN IN KATAKANA TO INDICATE THAT IT'S SPOKEN IN ENGLISH

IT'S BEEN FOUR YEARS, HASN'T IT, MIU...?
SO COOL! THEIR POWER IS EN PAR WITH WORLD-CLASS PAIRS...!
WE WON OUR FIRST AND SECOND MATCHES EASILY AND MOVED ON IN THE TOURNAMENT.
THE STAGE HAS QUICKLY BEEN SET...

YOU TWO, PLEASE BE A BIT QUIETER.
THERE ARE PLAYERS HERE TRYING TO CONCENTRATE.
Ah!
WE'RE SO—
Woohoo!
This is the result of our special training!
AT THE 3RD MATCH.
Your voice is too loud...
—RRY...
...!
YOU'RE ... MIU?!
COACH?!
SFX: BATHUMP

BATHUMP
BATHUMP
I WONDER IF IT'S FATE...
WHEN I SAW THE LIST OF PLAYERS, I THOUGHT TO MYSELF THAT IT COULDN'T BE TRUE..
SO YOU'RE PLAY-ING TENNIS AGAIN.
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, COACH SASA-JIMA.
BATHUMP
THEY...?
...THAT YOU'RE THEIR NEXT OPPONENTS...
LIN FA AND FEI.
THEY'RE CHINA'S WELL-KNOWN TOP JUNIOR PLAYERS.
QIANG
WG

SHE'S THE ONE FROM BEFORE...!
YOU'RE LOOKING AT THEIR CURRENT COACH RIGHT NOW, YOU KNOW.
MIU, EVER SINCE YOU LEFT THE COURT, I'VE AT LONG LAST FOUND IT...
LIN FA AND FEI ARE THE TENNIS GENIUSES THAT I'VE WISHED FOR.
HEY, OLD WOMAN
Old...?!
YOUR CONSTANT COMPLAINING IS PRETTY ANNOYING.

WHAT...
IF YOU HAVE MORE THINGS TO SAY, COME BACK AND SAY IT TO US AFTER THE MATCH.
LET'S GO, MIU!
What the hell is with the rudeness of those people?
ISSEI...
Argh—
WHAT THE HELL IS WITH THAT OLD WOMAN! SHE MAKES ME SO MAD!
STOMP
STOMP
THE COACH THAT GUIDED ME IN THE PAST...
I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD MEET HER AGAIN IN A PLACE LIKE THIS... WHAT A SHOCK!
THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE FLUSTERED.

THIS IS OUR HARD-EARNED BIG STAGE
IF I DON'T CONCENTRATE ON THE MATCH
NOW THEN, THIS IS THE BEST OF A THREE SET MATCH.
TSUJIMOTO TO SERVE. PLAY!
SFX: SWING
SFX: BAM
AH!!

SFX: GASP
IT WAS JUST AS THE COACH SAID. TODAY IS GOING TO BE AN EASY WIN.
OF COURSE.
LOVE-15
MILI' DON'T FORCE IMPOSSIBLE SHOTS!
LET THEM FLY BACK.
RIGHT...
THE TENNIS THAT HAS BEEN HAMMERED INTO THEM UNDER COACH SASAJIMA,
15-40.
THEIR TECHNIQUE,
THEIR STYLE OF PLAY,
SWING
15-30.
THEIR FORM,
Hit

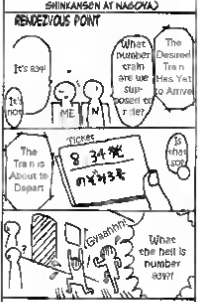
GAME AND FIRST SET.
GUNG
I UNDERSTAND VERY WELL THAT THEY'RE ALL FIRST-RATE.
LIN FA-FEI, 6-4.
Damn!
HOW UNSATISFYING... THOSE TWO.
They're like puppets
YOU TWO,
ARE YOU HAVING FUN... PLAYING TENNIS?

"FUN"...?
DURING A MATCH, ONE MUST ALWAYS KEEP A CLEAR MIND FROM OBSTRUCTIVE THOUGHTS.
IF YOU DO AS THE COACH SAYS, VICTORY WILL BE IN REACH.
OHMS
THAT'S HOW I USED TO BE IN THE PAST.
COACH, YOU'RE...

Now then this time Fujiwarasan is

Actually this time (for chapter 5) I couldn't finish it to my own satisfaction when I turned it I was still drawing it three days before the deadline It was also three days of hell of not being able to go to the bathroom. The exhaustion luckily came to an end the day after I turned in the manuscript and I was able to eat udon in Kagawa Prefecture. It was a miracle My good friend Nisan and I take this mini-vacation every year

(WHILE WAITING FOR THE SHINKANSEN AT NAGOYA)



My brain was obviously not working

Shamiu udon was as expected! It was incredibly delicious After that, in the tropical sun we visited Kompira (785 steps one way We climbed up to the summit.) the two of us sleepily meandered endlessly around crossed over to Shodoshima on a boat and during that heard a bizarre laugh that scared us After doing all that, I came back refreshed and compelled to make my next deadline

T/N SANUKI UDON IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE BEST UDON IN JAPAN WITH THE FLOUR PRODUCED THERE EXCELLENTLY SUITED FOR THE MAKING OF UDON NOODLES AS YOU MIGHT EXPECT SANUKI IS A TOWN IN KAGAWA KOMPIRA OTOHIMEGU MIYA AS KOTOHIRA SHRINE) IS A SHRINE TO THE SHINTO GOD OF SEAFARING ALSO FOUND IN KAGAWA ARE SHODOSHIMA OR SHODO ISLAND AN ISLAND IN THE ISLAND SEA THAT IS FAMOUS FOR THEIR OLIVES

T/N JUST IN CASE THIS EXCHANGE IS SOMEWHAT CONFUSING WHAT HAPPENED WAS FUJIWARA-SAN MISSED THE DEPARTURE TIME FOR THE TRAIN NUMBER AND THEY ALMOST MISSED THE K TRAIN TO KAGAWA

CHATTER
I wonder if she's hurt?
NA...
NAGAHARA-SAN...?!
?
CHATTER
SFX CHATTER
ISSEI.
I...
I CAN'T LOSE THIS MATCH...!
Glare
Heh.
YOU'VE BEEN MAKING A FACE LIKE YOU WERE GOING TO CRY FOR A WHILE NOW.
Here
MMFF!
WHY DON'T YOU FRESHEN UP?

All right!
YOU'RE GOING TO SHOW ME
NAGAHARA MIU'S POTENTIAL!
ISSEI AND I...
SFX: BAM
...ARE GOING TO ADVANCE FOR-WARD!

SFX: BAM
SFX: HIT
KILL
CL...
CLEAR!!
UGH...
SFX: SWING
The Japanese pair has suddenly made a comeback!
Nice play!
Yeah!
GAME, TSUJIMOTO-NAGAHARA, 4-3.
"SPOKEN IN ENGLISH"
WOOOOH!
WHAT...? ALL OF THE SUDDEN, THEIR PACE HAS...
Gasp

About the Characters

(Lin Fa (15) Fei (17))

These kids grow up receiving special education for those gifted in tennis since they were young. They are already able to give advice on technique. I think that they probably have reached a point where they're come to learn that it's about time that I want to play tennis for myself with confidence using my own power."
Lin Fa is rather popular

(Coach Sasagima Tsuruko (single))

Originally a pro tennis player. She is the type of person that works hard. However no matter what competition the number 1 position would always be taken by a genius player and she ends up as number 2.
She is a person who has always tasted that kind of defeat. Therefore because of that trauma after she assumed the position of coach she began to dwell obsessively on "winning".
From now on this person will continue to coach. From the bottom of her heart she is a person who really loves tennis.

LIN FA, THEY'RE COMING!
QUICKLY, RETURN TO YOUR POSITION!
FEI!
THOSE TWO ARE SOMEHOW DIFFERENT...
OUR NORMAL STRATEGY WILL NOT WORK WITH THEM

SHOCKED
LIN!
Hit
BOING
Ignore
STARS
QUICKLY, RETURN YOUR STRATEGIC POSITION!
LIN FA! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
turn
COACH TEACHES THAT "AT ALL TIMES, PLAY WITH ONE BODY, ONE HEART"
BUT THIS TIME
YOU'VE HEARD COACH'S LECTURES,
RIGHT?

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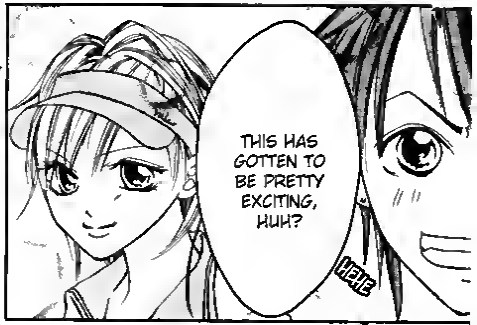

SFX: SMASH
HA!
HIT
HIT
AH!
SFX: WOW!
The Chinese pair's playing style has changed?!
At this rate, no matter who we cheer for, it won't go to waste.

SFX: RUNS
DO YOUR BEST, ALL FOUR OF YOU!
----!!
Nice play!
Nice!
FOUR YEARS
EVEN IF I HAD WANTED TO FORGET IT, I WASN'T ABLE TO FORGET IT.
SFX BAM
LET'S GO, MIU!
ACK!
POW

I...
...HAVE COME TO RETURN HERE.
AHH!
TENNIS IS...
SFX: CROWD YELLING

SFX: BAM
ISSEI IS SUPPORTING ME FROM BEHIND.
RATHER, I COULDN'T FORGET IT.
GAMESET!
I WANT TO ANNOUNCE IT TO EVERYONE.
SFX: CROWD YELLING

...FUN.
BEFORE WE SHAKE HANDS, I HAVE ONE THING TO ASK YOU
WHY WERE YOU CRYING DURING THE MATCH?
BECAUSE...
I LOVE TENNIS.

"WHY DO I HAVE THE CONFIDENCE TO KEEP ON PLAYING TENNIS?"
IT'S BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TO LOSE SIGHT OF YOU GUYS.
APPLAUSE
Clap
CLAP
.....
APPLAUSE
SHAKE
THANK YOU.
IT WAS... A VERY GOOD GAME.
CLANG
CLAP
CLAP
APPLAUSE

YOU'VE...
GROWN.
MIU
YES.
DEFINITELY.

Just as expected of Nagahara Mui!
That was a nice thing you said...
TO "LOVE" WHAT YOU'RE DOING...
I'VE REALIZED IT.
THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS...
Is that so?
BUT WEREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO TAUGHT ME EVERY-THING BACK THERE?
MUI...
I... ALSO LOVE TENNIS, BUT...

IN THE SAME MEASURE, I ALSO LOVE...
YO—
Hi!! MiU~! <3
WA-
-O!!
HUH?
DID SHE JUST SAY
ELAINA BALTORY ...?
She's...
Chatter
Who the hell is she? That blonde girl
....!
ELAINA BALTORY?!
I wonder if I interrupted them...
T/N: THIS WAS TRANSLATE... AS "BARITORI" IN CHAPTER ONE, WHICH IS A VERY LITERAL ROMANIZATION OF HER NAME BUT, SOMEHOW, I JUST CAN'T AGREE BECAUSE IT'S JUST NOT VERY WESTERN OR EVEN EASTERN EUROPEAN. IN THE END, I USED BALTORY WHICH IS WHAT I THINK THE AUTHOR WAS GOING FOR (A SURNAME THAT IS ACTUALLY USED) WHEREAS BARITORI IS JUST WEIRD FOR ME TO READ... STILL, I WANTED TO PUT THIS /// /// OUT JUST IN CASE THE READERS ARE CONFUSED ^(' ')^

THE SEMI-FINAL...
...THE CURRENT QUEEN OF THE TENNIS WORLD!
I'm in a different block but good luck in tomorrow's semi-final match!
Enjoy your semi-final match! It's been four years in the making, Mu. <3
by the way
WHAT IS SHE SAYING...?
1st year English

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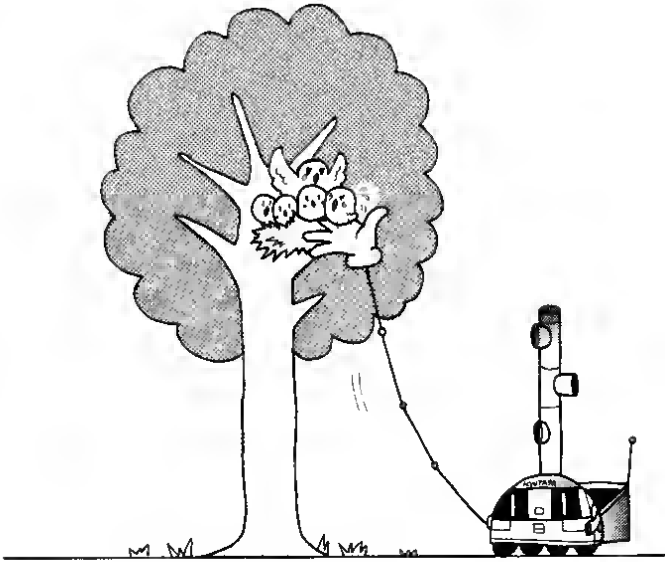

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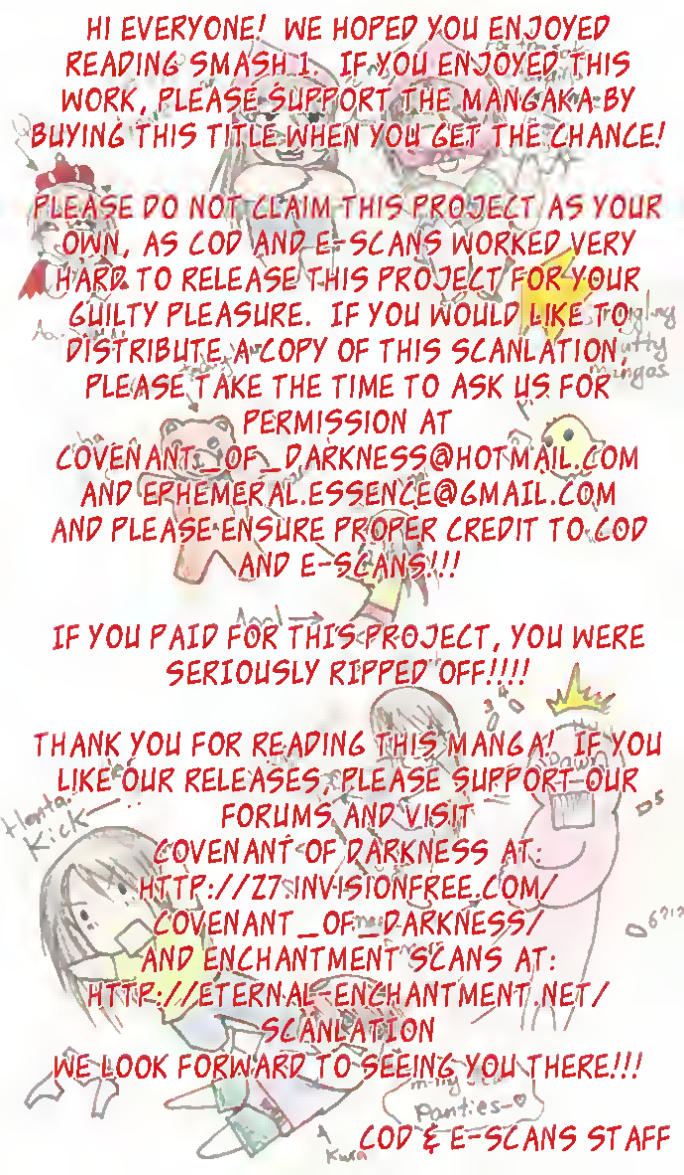
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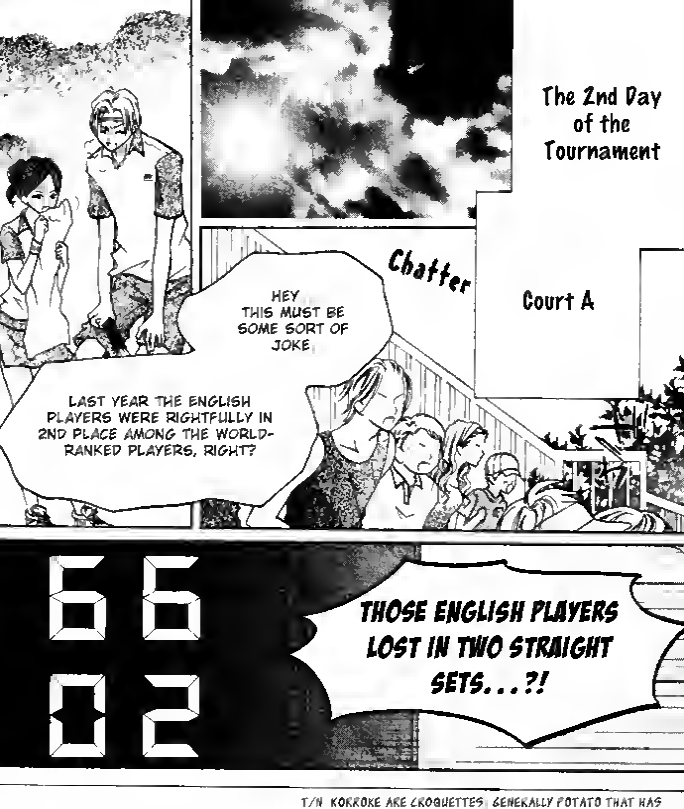

The 2nd Day of the Tournament
Court A
Chatter
HEY THIS MUST BE SOME SORT OF JOKE.
LAST YEAR THE ENGLISH PLAYERS WERE RIGHTFULLY IN 2ND PLACE AMONG THE WORLD-RANKED PLAYERS, RIGHT?
66 02
THOSE ENGLISH PLAYERS LOST IN TWO STRAIGHT SETS...?!

T/N: KOKKOKE ARE CROQUETTES, GENERALLY POTATO THAT HAS BEEN COVERED IN PANKO, BREAD CRUMBS AND DEEP FRIED

Soliloquy

It's soy sauce for korroke. And after that wasabi mayonnaise

This isn't a picture drawn by the mangaka

WOOOO-AAAAH!!
WITH EACH MATCH, I'M CERTAIN THAT WE'VE INCREASED OUR POWER!
Even I can feel it
IT WAS A NICE WARM-UP HEADING INTO THE FINALS, HUH?
SFX (GOOOOOO) LOOOM
AT ANY RATE, DAD IS REALLY LATE. .
AND THE FINALS ARE ALMOST STARTING TOO...
WHAT THE HELL IS WITH
THOSE JAPANESE PLAYERS...?!

FULL STOP
STEP
WHAT!?
Landing
EN MASSE
DAD...
Wooh. so this is America
Because it's such a huge occasion, I brought all these people who wanted to see the match!
Yo, issei! Sorry for being late!
KYA!

THE CHINESE PLAYERS!
Did you come here for us?
IT IS ALWAYS NOISY AROUND YOU GUYS...
Why are all these people here?
Foreigners
WE FLEW OVER BECAUSE WE HEARD YOU MADE IT TO THE FINALS.
Do your best!
THIS BIG CHANCE...
SINCE IT'S MIU-PYON, YOU GUYS WILL PROBABLY GO OUT THERE AND SEIZE IT.
Everyone...
IF YOU GUYS MANAGED TO BEAT US AND YOU DON'T TAKE THE WIN... IT'LL BE ANNOYING.

ALL THESE PEOPLE CAME TO SUPPORT YOU TWO.
MIU.
GO AND PLAY TENNIS WITHOUT ANY REGRETS.
Our opponent is a champion.
YES!
But,
since we've made it this far, we can't not win.
At last, we've finally made it here.
Dad... Mom...

This is the court of the finals!
This is the return of the dream of taking a win.
TAN'N'CO USES A MIX OF JAPANESE AND ENGLISH IN HIS SPEECH DIFFERENTIATED BY THE USE OF KANJI AND HIRAGANA INDICATING HIS NATIVE TONGUE AND KATAKANA INDICATING HIS FOREIGN LANGUAGE. IN THIS CASE HE ADDS ON A "DESUYO" LIKE IN CHAPTER FIVE AS A WAY AFFIRM WHAT'S BEEN SAID AND "OTANOSHIME" WHICH MEANS "ENJOY" SO HE WANTS MIU AND ISSEI TO SAVOR THE NEW COURT
OTANOSHIME THE TYPE OF COURT UNTIL THE VERY BEGINNING OF THE MATCH, OKAY!
THIS IS ALSO A PARTICULARITY OF THE GGC DESUYO!
Oh huh
By the way the types of courts clay court (clay) Grass court (grass) Omni court (grass & sand) etc
WHAT THE... THE COURT IS STILL COVERED.
ALL OF A SUDDEN THE TEMPERATURE DROPPED...
...? IT'S COLD?
TAN OMNI'S A TYPE OF SYNTHETIC GRASS USED FOR TENNIS COURTS BALLS DON'T BOUNCE AS HIGH AND GO FASTER IN THIS TYPE OF COURT THAN ON REAL GRASS
I HEARD THAT THERE IS A SPECIAL COURT THIS YEAR...!
SFX (BA) FLAP

shine
It's an...
Ice court. .?!
SFX (PONG) PON
S-SERI-OUSLY?!
What then This is a tour nament~
SQUEAK
SO... THERE IS 1CM OF ICE ON TOP OF THE OMNI COURT.
THEY'RE PLAYING TENNIS ON THIS TYPE OF COURT?! THEY'LL BE MADE INTO FOOLS!!
CHATTER CHATTER
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE, RIGHT?!

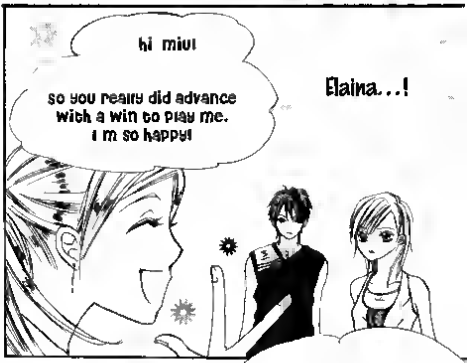
Now then this time Fujiwara-san is

The season is already autumn. With the manuscript safely drawn and finished early what I had been anticipating was (it's not that silly) a university's school festival. I appeared on stage with the members of a dance circle. The members were all loosely connected at university as friends and classmates from middle and high school. In some way or another I also find time to participate in practices. The costume is very troublesome so each time we put it on, all hell breaks loose behind the stage. Everyone had such amazing faces!!

Hurry...!! (Unmindful that he's now wearing any panes)

Although we continued with accidents all of us somehow managed to finish what we were doing so that's good. Whenever I'm with the members it always feels like I'm back in high school. And whenever I'm being an idiot. Nevertheless when I try and look back on things I shocked myself by doing so many things while I was desperately drawing "Smash!" Playing around was also desperate. Somehow many things were also desperate. I will never be able to fix this kind of greedy nature of mine in this lifetime ☺

IT SEEMS LIKE IT WAS FROZEN PROPERLY SO WE WOULD STILL HAVE FRICTION.
IT'LL BE GOOD IF WE FINISH THE MATCH BEFORE THE ICE MELTS, RIGHT, ROBIN?



Miu
I've heard a lot about you from Elaina! Nice to meet you today!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
THOSE TWO CAME HERE TO IMPOSSIBLY DO THE IMPOSSIBLE, RIGHT?!
He's Robin Edburg... Currently ranked 3rd in the world in men's singles...!
THERE'S NO WAY THE OPPONENTS OF THE CHAMPIONS CAN WIN ON THAT COURT.
WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THIS MATCH,

ROBIN, SERVE TO PLAY!
NOBODY KNOWS YET!
SFX: (PAAN) BAM
!!
Crack
BECAUSE OF THE ICE, I CAN'T READ THE BALL'S PATH ..!
WHAT POWER..

I'LL SHOW YOU THE RESULTS OF PLAYING WITH KYUTARO!
BAM
HERE ..
SFX (PAKAN) WHACK
.....!!
Slowly
SFX (DON) DON
SFX: (PISHI) SMACK
BBAM
Crack

THEY COULDN'T EVEN TAKE ONE GAME IN THE FIRST SET?
Grr...
GAME AND FIRST SET, ROBIN AND ELAINA.
6-0.
SHAKE
WHAT THE HELL...
MY FEET HAVEN'T BEEN RESPOND-ING FOR A WHILE NOW...!
These two represent a wall of the world's best...!

ME, TOO.
THE COLD HAS CAUSED OUR LEG MUSCLES TO TENSE UP.
BUT THOSE TWO...
THEIR MUSCLES CAN WITHSTAND IT TO A GREAT EXTENT.
Damn it!
OUR STRENGTH AND THE SCORE ARE BOTH CRUMBLING AND THERE'S ONLY ONE MORE SET, TOO...
WHAT CAN WE DO...!
HEY, ISSEI...
I WONDER IF THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH ME...
IN THE PAST AT THIS TIME,
I WOULD SEE THE COURT IN TOTAL DARKNESS.
BUT NOW,

I CAN SEE THE COURT SHINING.
I'VE BEEN ADRIFT SINCE THE DAY I QUIT TENNIS...
I THOUGHT THAT AT THIS RATE, I WOULD FORGET ALL ABOUT TENNIS.
OF COURSE, THAT WAS WHAT I BELIEVED. THEN I MET YOU AND I HELD A RACKET AGAIN,
AND NOW ONCE AGAIN I'M STANDING ON THE COURT THAT I LOVE.
MIU...

IT'S BECAUSE OF YOU, ISSEI,
THAT I'M HERE RIGHT NOW.
I SHOULDN'T HAVE SPRUNG THAT ON YOU ALL OF SUDDEN...
OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
ME, TOO...
I FEEL THE SAME WAY. IF I HADN'T MET YOU, I'D STILL BE A DELINQUENT.
BUT...

LOOK,
I'M PLAYING BEFORE THIS GREAT CROWD... AND WITH A WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP-LEVEL PARTNER?
MORE IMPORTANTLY, NO MATTER WHAT LIFE THROWS OUR WAY, LET'S ENJOY THIS!
We...
are not...
YEAH!
FIRST THINGS FIRST, ONE SET.
WE'RE GOING TO TAKE IT FROM THEM.

*USED TO SIGNAL THE TEAM WITH THE ADVANTAGE AFTER A DEUCE. WITH ONE MORE POINT, YOU WIN THE GAME

Second set. 5-4 Tsujimoto-Nagahara Advantage*

finished yet.

WHAT PERSEVERANCE ..!

THE ICE HAS STARTED TO MELT .. MY FOOTING IS BAD...

SMACK

GAME AND SECOND SET.

TSUJIMOTO-NAGAHARA, 6-4.

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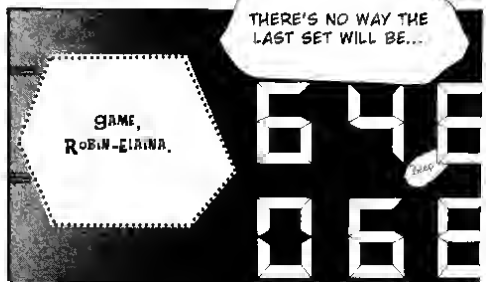


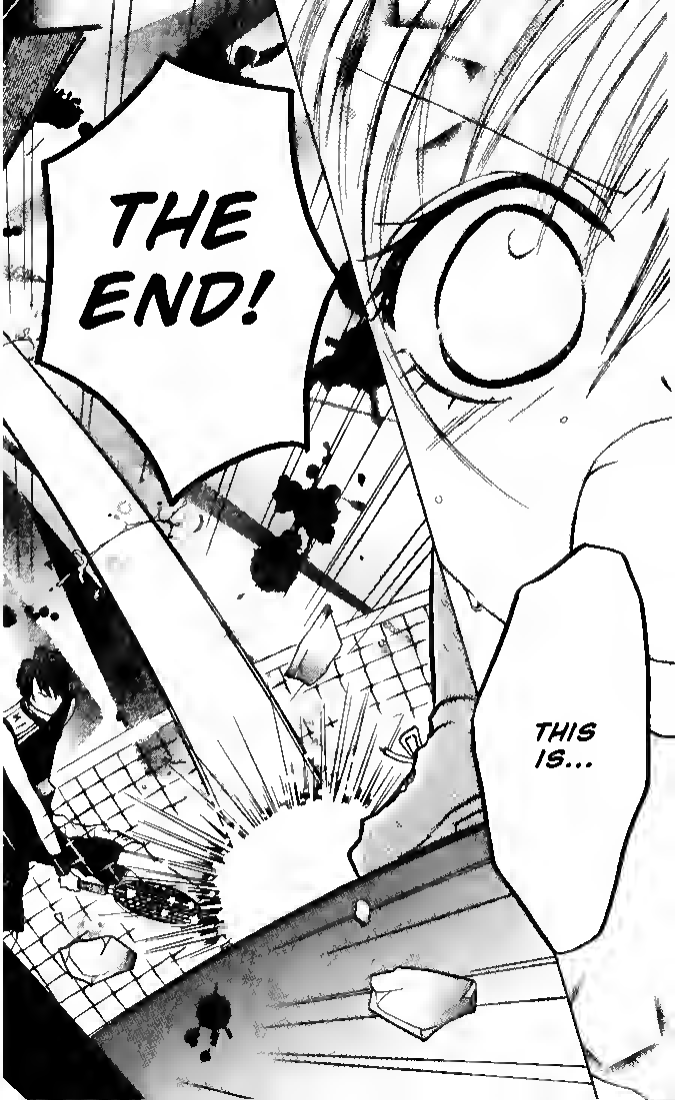
And so it continues... in a tiebreaker battle!
6-6
SFX: (WAA) WOOO!
AFTER THAT, TRY TO SEEM LIKE YOU'RE GOING TO CLOSE IN WHILE I LAY IN WAIT
AIM TO GET A LOT OF SAVES LIKE THIS
ISSEI..
SLIP...
AND, THOUGH THERE'S A SPOT I WANT TO GET TO, HOW DO I THRUST MYSELF THERE WELL?
3 Float
1 Close
2 Thrown to the corner
4 Service
NEXT, WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, YOU'LL GET ELAINA TO THROW HERSELF TO THE CENTER.
SHE WILL PROBABLY FLOAT THE BALL THERE AS WELL.
THERE, I WILL STRIKE!
WELL, WHAT IF I ----------, THAT'LL BE OK, RIGHT?
EH... Will it be OK?
For sure!

I'M COUNTING ON YOU.
MY JOB IS TO TAKE THE STRAIN OFF!
UGH...
I'm going to bet it all on the last smash...!
CLOSE IN!
SFX (POGO) SMASH
Get Elaina to throw herself
to the middle!

BAM
Float!
...!
Clank
SFX: (DA) DUCKS
MIU!
GO!
HUH?!

JUMP
SFX (SUN)
WHOOSH

SFX (DAGA) BANG
Dazed
ERM...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THIS IS...

It's different than before.
I'm not sad,
I'm not alone,
8-6...
GAME SET!
SFX (WA) CHEER

Miu!!
ISSEI...
THANK YOU.

SFX: WAAAAAAHHHH!

About the Characters ⑦

Elaina Baltory
Robin Edburg

It was shocking even to me that Elaina who appeared in the first story would come and pick a fight in the last (laugh) At this point in time these two people are planning to get engaged and before long they will be married and retire from the tennis world After that they are planning to spend their freedom together in leisure I think that starting with Miu they are relieved that there are young talented athletes are appearing and that the "Friendship Generation has come to be (smiley face)

Miu's Papa & Mama

These parents are earnest educators Their first accomplishment is to let Miu go to tennis school where unexpectedly her talent bloomed These two people don't particularly have a chance at tennis but it seems like they were surprised and very delighted that the young Miu and over-imposed their expectations for her Now they are a gentle papa and mama that are thinking mostly about that said person's determination

...Because you came to be by my side.

5 Years Later
England
Is the rumor true that now that you're riding on the wave of your success, you're going to quickly become engaged?!
What are your feelings about attending Wimbledon as the number 1 ranked seeds?!
Congratulations on your respective victories in Singles at the French Open the other day!
Frantic
"WHAT IS TENNIS?" TO THE BOTH OF YOU?!
ATHLETE NAGAHARA, ATHLETE TSUJIMOTO!
Iwakura became a sports writer

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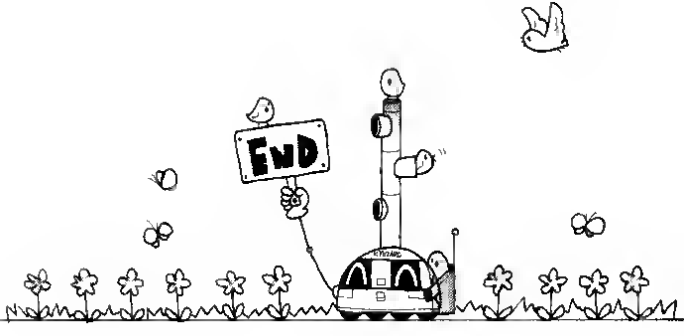
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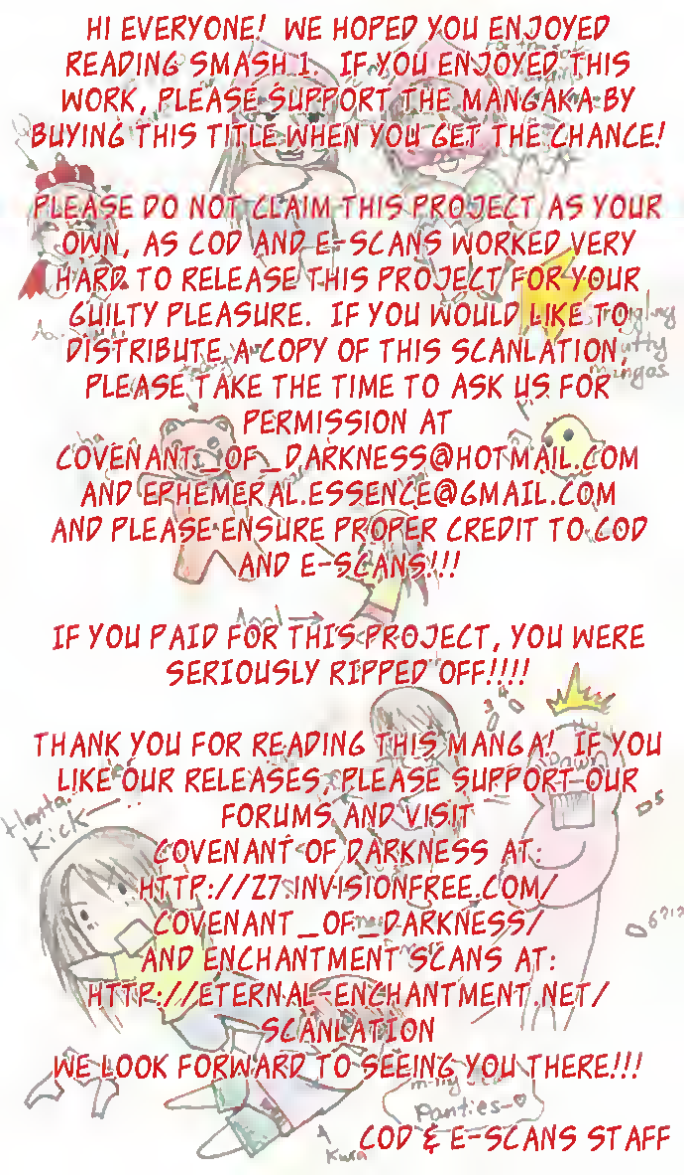
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